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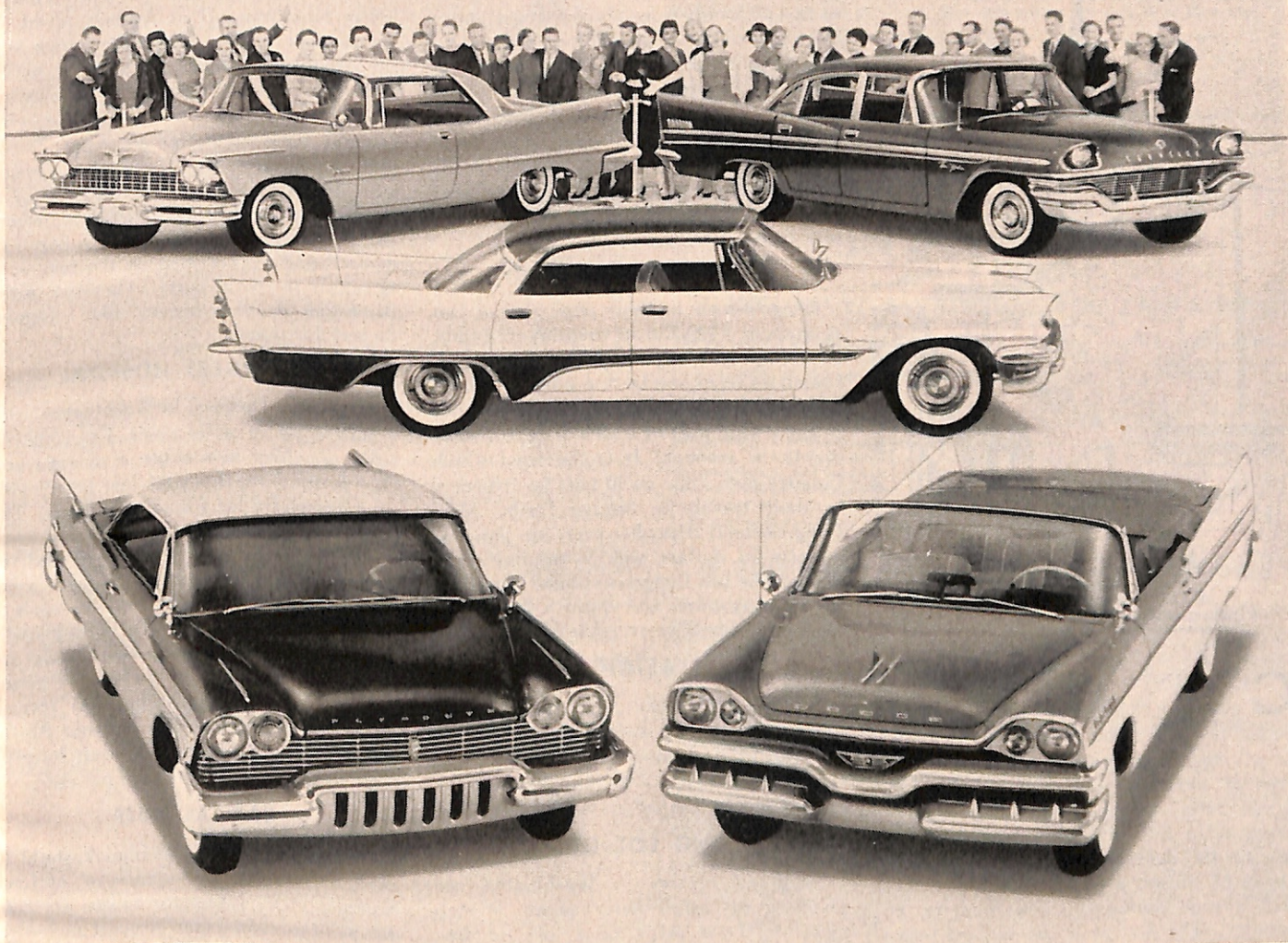
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Tom Wrigley Writes from WASHINGTON



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SHOOTING FOR RAIN

Our Air Force pilots and gunners may go hunting for rain if the bill of Senator

Case of S. D. becomes law. Last summer, National Guard airmen in that state seeded likely looking clouds with dry ice seven times and produced rain seven times. One shot brought down a 3-inch soaking. Senator Case says the clouds which might let go with rain are extremely high and move so fast that only a jet plane can get above them and catch them. They are located by radar. Cumulus clouds 500 or more feet above the freezing line and with a temperature at the top of minus 10 degrees centigrade can be seeded with dry ice or silver iodide and rain will result. It also is believed that cloud seeding would prevent hail and lightning storms by busting them into rain.

JUNKETS COST MONEY

Congressmen in their trips abroad last year spent \$490,236 in counterpart funds, according to a report just made public. Countries receiving U. S. economic aid are required to match the funds with currency of their own, part of which is deposited to the U. S. account. It is the fund which Congressmen draw on in part for expenses in their travels to foreign lands. Most Congressional trips, however, are paid for directly in dollars and no accounting is made. The last Congress voted \$11 million for investigations and quite a bit of the money was spent in overseas probes.

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PUT MELLON ON YOUR LIST

Visitors to Washington should be sure to include the National Gallery of Art on their schedule. This great gift of Andrew W. Mellon is truly an inspiration. Each week there is a guided tour for visitors. Dr. Raymond S. Stiles, educational curator, says over 80,000 people visited the gallery last year. The total may reach 100,000 this year. Some 500 persons, he says, are "regulars". They come every week. FBI men also come in frequently

for lunch and a looksee. Most controversial painting is surrealist Salvador Dali's "Last Supper," both praised and damned. It is on loan to the gallery.

MUTTON FOR A KING

Blair House, opposite the White House, where King Saud II of Arabia stayed recently, had plenty of mutton which was prepared native style. It was not necessary, however, to have sheep grazing on the White House lawn, but the visit brought back memories of King Saud's late father, Ibn Saud, and the meeting with President Roosevelt in 1945. The U. S. destroyer in the Suez Canal, where the conference took place, had a dozen or more live sheep corralled on the rear deck to supply the royal party. They say in the Navy that the ship smelled like a lanolin factory for months.

TEEN-AGERS HOSPITAL

Children's Hospital in Washington, with a falling off in polio cases, has come up with something new to use a vacant ward. One floor of the hospital has been made over especially for teen-age patients. The pictures of bunnies and flowers and birds on the walls have been removed and the furnishings are just what teen-agers want. The only thing they lack are telephones to gab by the hour. The ward is exclusively for the 12-18 age group, one section for boys and the other for girls. The young patients sign their own hospital records and are not treated like babies. At the same time they are not in adult hospital with chronically ill or dying patients.

CAPITAL CUTS

Civil Defense says 800 planes would be available for airlift in case of national emergency . . . Jet engine noises are making a lot of Air Force ground men deaf and the Veterans Administration is now spending \$60 million a year in deaf veteran benefits . . . Riggs National Bank made \$43.45 a share last year, highest in history . . . New car sales in D. C. are lagging . . . Atomic Energy Commission will move to Germantown, Md., late this year and is recruiting 500 clerical employees who will live nearby . . . Residential street parking here has an 18-hour limit but the regulation is seldom enforced and motorists are demanding it be changed, saying it is silly to keep moving their cars around . . . Washington motorcycle police are going to wear crash helmets in order to cut down injuries . . . Serious crime here declined 9.2 per cent in the last year . . . Jewish Population of Greater Washington is between 80,000 and 90,000, the Jewish Community Council reports . . . The WAC's are going to have new uniforms of green.

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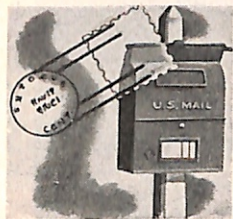
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Congratulations on the timely, pithy editorial, "Nationalism Cannot be Halted", in your January issue. Certainly, we in the Free World—as well as the oppressed ones behind the Iron Curtain—want to see the dissolution of Russia's Communist Empire. And evidence that Nationalism is "on the march" justifies belief that Communist aggression is on the way out.

I was intensely interested in the evidence presented in the article "Satellite Struggle for Freedom" by Bruno Shaw in the same issue. The material which Mr. Shaw obtained direct from underground agencies—tied to what we know about the defiance of their Communist masters by the brave Hungarian people—gives a hopeful slant to a situation that has seemed hopeless.

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Ada Lillian Bush

Washington, D. C.

May I express my heartfelt thanks for your splendid article "Satellite Struggle for Freedom" by Bruno Shaw.

It reflects the efforts of groups such as the National Committee for the Liberation of Slovakia in seeing that the rights of small states are respected. I sincerely hope further articles will be forthcoming.

Stephen J. Pitoniak

Westfield, Mass.

I extend to you my congratulations on the editorial in the December 1956 issue of *The Elks Magazine*, headed "The Generous Spirit of Elksdom" plus "A Proclamation", which impressed me greatly and which I feel were outstanding.

With every good wish for the New Year, I am

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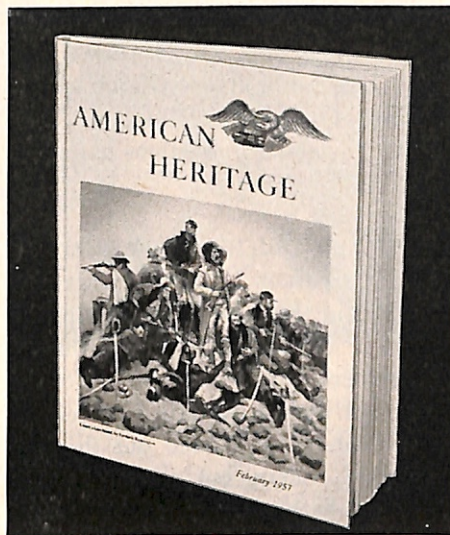
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This is the month when proof of their leadership will be written into the records. This is the month when any mistakes of the past can be rectified and converted into golden accomplishments. This truly is one of the greatest months of opportunity in Elkdom.

Growth is dependent on leadership and I am happy that most of our Lodges have enjoyed good leadership. I hope they will be equally selective when they nominate new officers.

Incidentally, one of the nicest presents a retiring Exalted Ruler could give his successor would be an increased membership with no delinquents in dues.

So to the retiring officers, I extend my thanks for your devotion to the Order which I feel will continue on through the years.

May your accomplishments of the past be our inspirations for the future.

With deep gratitude and warm personal regards, I am

Very sincerely,



GRAND EXALTED RULER



A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

"A STRONGER ELKDOM FOR A BETTER AMERICA"

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"The Joy of Giving"

George "Sonny" Hayes, 18 years old, has been crippled since birth but with the help of the Elks National Foundation was accepted as a student at Boston University under a Hospital and Tutorial Program which will enable him to take a full curriculum.

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In the accompanying photograph, Sonny is adjusting his recording machine as Past Exalted Ruler Joseph E. Brett, left, and Exalted Ruler Anthony M. Cardarell of Quincy Lodge watch the procedure.

Your contributions to the Elks National Foundation are actively at work in the interest of humanity.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, recently prepared a most interesting booklet under the title "The Privilege and Joy of Voluntary Giving". This excerpt from the booklet thoroughly expresses the spirit underlying the Foundation:

"We are members of the world's greatest fraternity, which extends to us the privilege of participation in a broad program of philanthropy. The possibilities of the Foundation in this field of good works are limitless. They can be bounded and circumscribed only by the members themselves. All things that are being done at the present time have been made possible by the participation of the few who have carried the torch. When you realize what has been done, then you can form your own judgment of the magnificence of the future, the tremendous possibilities which are attainable if you join with others and



give generously in your contributions to the Foundation, and build up the principal fund to what it should be."

Recently, Chairman Malley made a survey to ascertain what is being done by the students helped by the Elks National Foundation under the cerebral palsy program. "It was pleasing to know," Mr. Malley says, "that substantially all of them are working in the field of cerebral palsy". Replies were so interesting and revealing that they will be quoted from month to month in the "Joy of Giving" column.

Mrs. Aileen A. Weiss of Spartanburg, S. C., who is employed as a Speech Therapist, advises Mr. Malley, "We have opened a school for cerebral palsy youngsters in this area and hope to enlarge it in the near future. The training I received through the Foundation has helped me a great deal in organizing our local program for the cerebral palsy children and also in administering a therapeutic program."

News arrives that Miss Sachi Kuratomi, of Los Angeles, has been awarded an Elks National Foundation Fellowship for a course in physical therapy at the Children's Hospital Society of that city. Miss Kuratomi is sponsored by Los Angeles Lodge. She attended the University of California for three years, majoring in Physical Therapy.

Miss Eleanor J. Hobbs, Newton Highlands, Mass., is the recipient of a \$750 Foundation fellowship for advanced training in cerebral palsy to enable her to complete her senior year at the Boston School of Occupational Therapy. Miss Hobbs was sponsored by Newton Lodge.

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Bruno Shaw with Senator Knowland in his Senate office during interview.

SOVIET AGGRESSION—

How the United Nations Could Curb It

BY SENATOR WILLIAM F. KNOWLAND

as told to Bruno Shaw

IF ANY MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS wants to withdraw from membership in it, would you say it has the right to do so?"

The question was asked of me by Senator William F. Knowland of California during an interview I had with him last month to ascertain for *The Elks Magazine* whether, in his opinion, something might be done to bring to an end the Soviet Union's long record of violations of the United Nations Charter. The California Senator had been appointed by President Eisenhower to membership on the United States delegation to the U.N. just a few weeks previously. He had good reason, as we shall see, for pausing to interrogate me for a moment before making his direct reply to my opening inquiry of him.

Senator Knowland is a quiet-voiced, friendly, and usually quite reasonable man. But he is a tough man to try to horn-swoggle where principle is at stake, and he becomes wholly unreasonable in the eyes of our national and international adversaries and their spokesmen and camp followers when, in dealing with Communist aggression, expediency is offered in exchange for a sacrifice of principle as something "just as good," and perhaps less costly.

The California Senator regards Communists, wherever they may be, as political cannibals. And it is his belief that the Soviet Union, the evil genius of the breed, could be restrained from aggression without resort to war, and that it could be compelled to cease its open disregard and flagrant violation of the U.N. Charter whenever it suits Communist purposes. All that is needed to achieve these twin goals, he says, is a little more dependence on principle, and less on expediency, by nations civilized enough to be able to distinguish between the two. There are enough of them, he believes, to be able to do so.

Getting back to Senator Knowland's question and the reason he asked it of me, I knew that he had advocated for a long

time the suspension of the Soviet from the United Nations unless the Kremlin agreed to abide by U.N. rules. I wanted to know from him how he proposed this might be done in the face of the prevailing notion that the Soviet veto power in the Security Council makes it impossible to punish or even to restrain Communist aggression.

Is that prevailing notion correct, I asked him, and are we really in the kind of fix where nothing can be done about it? That was when the Senator asked me the question you read at the opening of this article. My answer was, of course, that whether the United Nations Charter provided for it or not, it seemed to me that a sovereign nation either has the right to resign from an organization, in the same way that it has the right to decide for itself whether it wants to join it, or else it has lost its sovereignty.

That, said Senator Knowland, is precisely the point. Therefore, he declared, if we ever lose the right to withdraw from a group of nations with whom we do not want to remain associated, then we will have lost the right to determine our own destiny and we will have become a satellite of the group, or of the dominant nation in that group.

EVERY member of the United Nations has that same right, says Senator Knowland. And by the same token, he believes, nations with presumably kindred purpose—that of establishing and maintaining world peace and security—must have the right to expel from their midst any nation or nations which, in the opinion of the group, have demonstrated unfitness to be members of it. Otherwise, by being compelled to continue in abortive association with a wilful transgressor, the nations, as a group, will have lost their individual sovereign right to determine with whom they will or will not be associated. And when a group of nations gives up that right, declares Senator Knowland, they are no longer sovereign nations.

It is Senator Knowland's belief, however, that there is no basis for the prevailing notion that the United Nations Charter lacks provision for punishing

transgressors, or for expelling or suspending an aggressor. There is plenty of provision in the Charter, he says, for both. What has been lacking up until now, in his opinion, is just plain courage on the part of the civilized member nations to enforce the rights they have under the Charter. There has been too much wishful thinking that the Soviet Union's "new look" might mean a less murderous policy by the Kremlin, and that Red China's failure to do any armed invading of her neighbors in recent months might mean that the Red regime in Peiping has succumbed to civilized persuasions and that we ought to welcome it into the United Nations with open arms.

The sadistic crimes committed by the Soviets in Hungary with the enthusiastic approval of the Chinese Reds, says Senator Knowland, should dispel this nonsense once and for all. It is high time, he says, that the civilized members of the United Nations take a good look at the Charter and act in their own defense in the manner it provides they may do.

How can they protect themselves within the framework of the U.N. and its Charter? Here, says Senator Knowland, are some of the means that are ready and waiting to be used:

First, I should like to see us get the idea out of our heads that it is disgraceful for us to use the veto power in the Security Council. We must rid ourselves of the notion that if we use it freely in our own interest we will only be emulating tactics we have criticized in the Soviet.

For the past eleven years the Soviet Union has automatically employed a rubber stamp veto to reject any action by the United Nations that might conflict with Soviet interests or interfere with Soviet aggression. By doing this the U.S.S.R. has completely destroyed the usefulness of the Security Council for the purpose for which it was created—that of providing machinery to enforce world peace and security.

In the eleven years since the United Nations was established, we have seen the Security Council take action many times against non-Communist states, and secure voluntary compliance by those states. The latest example was British and French

withdrawal from the Suez Canal area.

No deterrent action, however, has ever succeeded against a Communist state, with one exception. The exception was Korea in 1950, when the Soviet delegate walked out on the Security Council, thus enabling the Council to vote to strike swiftly with joint military forces. The Reds will never dare to repeat that performance. They have been very careful, ever since Korea, to be on hand to exercise their veto in the Security Council whenever they or their satellites committed aggression. As witness their alertness to defeat any attempt by the United Nations to come to the aid of Hungary.

As a member of the United States delegation to the United Nations I can assure you that we do not want to emulate the Soviet Union. We do not want to match their indecencies and murders and aggressions with any of our own. Nor do we wish, because the Communists have tried their hardest to do so, to make the United Nations Charter a mere scrap of paper. But we would be fools indeed if we were to continue to allow the Soviets to use every chapter and article of the Charter to further their plot for world domination, and refuse to avail ourselves of the means we have to defend our freedoms, our lives, and our national sovereignty.

For example, our veto in the Security Council, without apology, whenever our own national interests would be in jeopardy by our failure to use it, is a means of self-defense. We should not deny ourselves the use of it. The veto is something more than the negative instrument the Kremlin has made of it. Failure by us to

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Symbolic Chair—the empty chair of the Soviet Ambassador after he walked from a meeting of the United Nations Security Council.



Photo by George Abbate

WARRIOR'S RE



BY WILLIAM FAY

TURN

As an established business man, Slattery—
wisely—had decided not to get involved in
the free-lance affairs of his old companions.

ILLUSTRATED BY C. E. MONROE, JR.



GEORGE F. SLATTERY, the suburban manufacturer who created "Steve Sturdy, Space Sentinel," the all-aluminum doll, as well as "Manuel Mambo," the dancing doll, was a man equipped to appreciate a well-made article, or even to marry one, if things continued on their currently pleasant course. Her name was Thelma Travers and she had dropped into his place of business on a purely social errand. Thelma was twenty-six years old, tall in an interestingly proportioned way, hazel-eyed, of excellent family, and addicted to the arts in a manner which Slattery found uplifting and unsettling. He hadn't expected to be adopted this soon by the very best people in town.

"How in all this precious world did you manage to get them, George?" Thelma asked.

"The tickets?" Slattery smiled. "Tickets are tickets, aren't they? I just called a friend in New York and said, 'Three up front.' That's all there was to it."

"Daddy was amazed when I told him," Thelma said. "He tried twice through the bank but he couldn't budge the box-office people. And he loves *Otello* so. Don't you?"

"Love what?"

"*Otello*," she repeated. "The opera we're going to see. You know it, don't you?"

"Well, sure," he said, uncertainly. He had meant to say he knew they were going to the opera, not to a movie or a show, but it was plain to see she had interpreted his reply to mean he was acquainted with this particular opera. He felt the quick qualms of an honest man on the brink of a first deceit.

"I shouldn't have disturbed you when you were busy."

"It's nothing," he said. "There's someone waiting in my office, but let him wait." To himself, he thought: *I hope the bum doesn't walk out here.*

"Another thing, George," said Thelma. Her hair was chestnut-toned, abundant, lovely. The cool morning light of mid-November flooded the glass-walled premises of SLATTERY PRODUCTIONS, at Hasty Oak, N. J. It filtered through the reception foyer like the muffin-warmth of June. Soft chimes announced a coffee-break at exactly 10:45. "Daddy thinks you should expand the plant," Thelma said. "He feels you've done magnificently and the bank would be more than willing to—well, never mind—we'll save that for tonight."

"For tonight," said Slattery. "of course."

"Goodbye, dear," Thelma said.

Slattery returned to his office just a bit apprehensively. His visitor was a small man known as Willy "The Blood Bank" Shapiro, who was wearing a marcelled nose, a rose-tinged topcoat, a bright green shirt and a melt-

ing look of old comradeship. He was called "The Blood Bank" not in derision but in tribute to a talent for mending the split flesh of fighters in the one-minute rest between rounds. He worked for a fight manager named Ambrose "The Honest Doctor" Brady, who was, in all fairness, passably honest, but certainly no doctor.

"It's like old times," Willy said. "It's like when you were Doc's prize boy. Before you quit to become a genius, I mean. We're stayin' at the Hotel Paradise, on East Forty-Eighth. Me, Doc, an' our new heavyweight, 'The Viking.' We only got to town the other day."

"I saw it in the papers, Willy. I wanted to call you." Slattery chose not to say that as an established business man he had wisely decided not to get involved in the quaint, free-lance affairs of his old companions. Not that his affection for Doc had ever lessened, but because of a realization that they lived in different worlds. He felt a little mean about it, but what was a man to do? "I certainly would have called you if I hadn't been tied up in business," he said. "How is Doc?"

"Doc's in trouble," Willy said, without any cushioning preliminaries. "He needs you real bad, Slats. And right now. Today."

"Please," said Slattery, with a sinking, not unexpected sensation. "I can tell you right now that it's impossible."

"He's in trouble with Arthur Krugman," Willy said, and because, as Slattery knew, there was only one Arthur Krugman at large in all the wide, tormented world, Willy waited for the impact. His shrewd eyes remained on Slattery. "That's different, huh?"

"Are you sure this isn't one of Doc's smart gags?"

"A gag? It's a gag they clobbered the hell out of Doc an' robbed him of ten thousand, two hundred and fifty four dollars?"

"But why, Willy—why? You fellows just got to town. How could it happen so soon?"

"Don't ask me, Slats. You're the only guy that Doc'll tell. It means pick up your hat an' coat, pal. This won't wait."

"But, Willy, I can't! I've got a business to take care of. I have an important date for tonight. We're sane people out here."

"That's how much you care?" Scornfully, Willy set aside a free cigar he had taken from Slattery's humidor. "That's how you feel when I tell you your best friend in the world—the guy that could have made you a champion—has seven stitches in his head?"

Slattery sighed, then reached slowly for his phone.

"Let me have an outside line, please." He dialed thoughtfully. "Back already, Thelma? No, this won't (Continued on page 47)

"This thing I got stuck in your back is not one of them space pistols", Henny said. "Walk over there".

"TO OUR ABSENT



A view of the principals in the moving Sunday afternoon Service conducted by the 3,283 Elks of Phoenix, Ariz., in the colorful outdoor setting of the lodge's beautiful park. In the background can be seen the floral decorated altar before which the ceremony took place.

ELKDOM'S traditional tribute to its "Absent Brothers" was offered once again on the first Sunday in December, 1956. On that day, every lodge in the Order conducted its annual Service honoring those members whose names have been added to the Tablets of Love and Memory.

Again, all lodges were invited to submit reports on their programs to the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities to be judged as to their preparation, presentation, attendance, appearance and altar display. Joseph F. Bader, the Committeeman in charge of this selection, reports that his decisions were difficult to make and that "a fine job was performed by all lodges participating".

This year, the lodges were classified in two groups—Group I for those of more than 750 members; Group II for those of less than 750, with three lodges in each group rewarded with a special plaque, to be presented at the Grand Lodge Convention in San Francisco. The programs conducted by these six lodges are described briefly here, leading off with those in Group I.

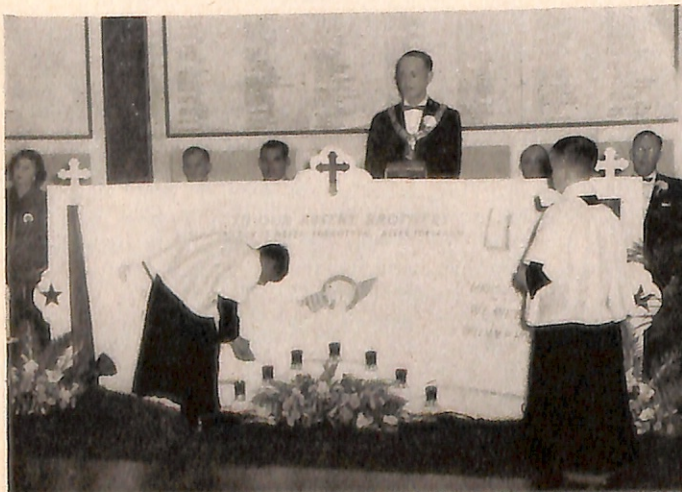
Outdoor Ceremony Wins Plaudits

The truly outstanding Service conducted by Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge was awarded top honors for lodges of more than 750 members. Held in the afternoon in the beautiful Elks Park, the ceremonies honored the memory of the 32 Elks who had passed away during the year, with Secy. Leo C. Gavagan reading the roll call. A moving memorial address was delivered before a large crowd by Rev. Father Barnabas Hughes, O.F.M., instructor at St. Mary's Boys High School, and several fine choral selections were presented by the Phoenix Orpheus Club of 75 voices. E.R. W. M. McMillon presided during an impressive altar service which highlighted the program planned by a Committee which had Hervey Mastin as Chairman.

Special publicity releases for the use of newspapers and local radio and television facilities, as well as individual letters of invitation for the families of deceased members, were responsible for the large attendance at the inspiring and beautiful program presented by Las Vegas, Nev., Elkdom. This ceremony, which won second place for lodges in Group I, was held on the tastefully decorated stage of the Las Vegas High School Auditorium. The Service, opened by the officers of the lodge, featured an excellent musical program highlighted by a solo by singer Connie Moore, well-known stage and motion-picture star, excerpts from "The Messiah" by the Rancho High School A Cappella Choir, and selections by the Kiwanis Quartette and the Sextette of the Latter Day Saints Church. The Elks' ladies performed the



The ladies of Las Vegas, Nev., Lodge were photographed as they made their way to the stage of the High School Auditorium, carrying lighted tapers for the impressive candle-lighting ceremony.



As the name of each Absent Brother of Savannah, Ga., Lodge was called, acolytes set a lighted candle in place before the altar on which these names were imprinted.

BROTHERS'

moving candle-lighting ceremony and P.E.R. Harley E. Harman delivered the eulogy. Secy. Austin H. Bowler was again Chairman of his lodge's Memorial Sunday Committee.

The Departed Brothers of Savannah, Ga., Lodge were eulogized by P.D.D. Henry M. Rosenthal, Chairman of the "Aidmore" Trust Fund Committee of the Georgia Elks Assn., at the third-prize-winning event in this category. Not only were these fine Services given wide advance publicity, insuring the public's awareness of the program, and the families of deceased members invited to attend, but Chairman E. M. Patterson, Est. Lead. Knight of the lodge, sent a special letter to all members who had been initiated since the 1955 Services had taken place, urging them to attend the 1956 event.

A Reception Committee greeted the guests as they arrived for the ceremony which was highlighted by a lovely musical program presented by the young ladies of the St. Vincent's Glee Club Choir. This Service, at which E.R. Walter Kiley presided, had excellent news coverage, and was televised by WSAV-TV.

Father Connelly Speaks

Leading the lodges of less than 750 members in this effort was Zanesville, Ohio, Lodge whose ceremony was planned by a competent committee headed by P.E.R. James Plummer, Secretary to Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn, another P.E.R. of this lodge who was on hand for the program. Former Grand Chaplain Rev. Fr. Richard J. Connelly, Chaplain of the Ohio Elks Assn. and a member of Lancaster Lodge, was the inspired speaker at the exercises set before the appropriately decorated altar in the lodge home. The Services were opened by E.R. Avery D. Carpenter, and the Rev. G. S. MacCallum, Rector of St. James Episcopal Church, gave the invocation, with fitting vocal selections rendered by Wayne Fawcett and the eulogy delivered by Harold Gottlieb.

Not only did the printed program for this Service list the names of the ten Zanesville Elks who had passed away during the year, it also included the name of every deceased member since the lodge's institution in 1889. Both the Zanesville *Times Signal* and *Times Recorder* carried several advance announcements of this ceremony, as well as covering reports on the Services. In addition, the Sunday *Times Signal* devoted a full page to the Elks, carrying not only the Services report, but a reproduction of the excellent story which had been published on the Order's activities by the *Christian Science Monitor*.

James E. Lanigan, President of the Fulton Board of Education and head of the

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Zanesville, Ohio, Lodge officers and participants in its outstanding Memorial Services are pictured before the altar. Left to right foreground are Wayne Fawcett, soloist; former Grand Chaplain Rev. Richard B. Connelly, speaker; Harold Gottlieb, eulogist, and Rev. G. S. MacCallum.



The officers of Fulton, N. Y., Lodge were photographed during their prize-winning Memorial Sunday program.

This was the scene as Rocky Mount, N. C., Elks paid tribute to its Departed Members. Left to right: Esq. W. R. McAuley, E.R. Henry B. Johnson and Secy. Norman Y. Chambliss, Sr., P.E.R. of the lodge.



Good Pitchers Take Charge

A consistently winning pitcher has to be a good psychologist and half bulldog. If he can't out-think a .300 hitter he's in trouble.

BY FRANK C. TRUE

ILLUSTRATED BY
WILLARD MULLIN



WHEN spring training season in baseball rolls around each year, the same question inevitably is asked by thousands of Americans who enviously study training camp pictures bathed in semi-tropical sunshine. What does a major league manager have that justifies such a large salary? It's a loaded question.

Most business executives, once a problem of a specific type has been solved, know how to proceed if it recurs. In big league baseball, however, the situation is upside-down. No manager ever knows what to expect of a rookie pitcher, regardless of minor league records, until all the results are in—and even then he isn't too sure.

At the moment in St. Petersburg, Fla., some enterprising baseball writer, impressed by the performance of a rookie pitcher, might well be asking that sage among managers, Casey Stengel:

"How does he look to you, Casey?"

And the non-committal answer, as always in the past, will be: "Well, he's a likely lookin' feller. Throws hard; got good curves, but I ain't sayin' more'n that right now."

The same answer, with a slight variation in words, could be expected from any manager in the majors. In short, the judging of rookie pitchers belongs in the "unclassified" drawer. There never has been, and probably never will be, a set formula.

Suppose, for example, you'd just inherited a major league club, had extensive financial resources and were in desperate need of a starting pitcher—a real stopper who might be a potential 20-game winner.

Your scouts, let's say, inform you the woods are bare. No rival club, naturally, can be induced to give up a top-flight pitcher in a deal involving money only, so you decide to conduct a search on your own.

Just what qualities will you look for? If a likely prospect can throw hard, has a sharp curve and reasonably good control, have you found your man? The odds are something like 20 to 1 you've merely dug up another pitcher whose assets can be matched by countless headstones in baseball's graveyard—the minors.

If you were only looking for an infielder, outfielder or catcher, yes, you could read a young player's typewritten record and almost make up your mind. But you need a pitcher.

Well, you may ask at this juncture, if there's no answer, why belabor the question? Why not just admit it's like selling fish out of a barrel and let it go at that? But maybe—just maybe—if we wander far enough through the top echelon of baseball, gathering opinions from the great and near-great who have pondered the question down through the years, we might put together pieces of a jig-saw puzzle and come close to a solution. Anyway, it's worth trying.

THE late John McGraw reached an ironical conclusion near the end of his career. He opined that a man reached the pinnacle of wisdom about pitchers when he became smart enough to realize he knew nothing "for certain" about any of them. And don't forget, McGraw looked at some pretty fair pitchers in his day, including Christy Mathewson, Rube Marquard and too many others to mention.

Since McGraw's day theories have multiplied, but, instead of clearing the atmosphere, the problem has only become more entangled. It all seems so simple. Ask any fan—that bellicose, self-sufficient type of individual who always knows more about pitchers than any manager who ever lived—and he'll give you a ready answer. But if you should go into a big league press box and put the question to baseball writers who have been looking down upon the scene for decades you'd find unanimity on one point only; namely, that it takes a lot more than good curves, speed and control if a rookie is to wear a major league uniform very long.

Suppose we embark by talking to Carl Hubbell, one of the greatest pitchers the game has ever known. Carl is now manager of the New York Giants' farm system, where young players are developed.

"I don't believe there ever has been or ever will be a pitcher who can tell in advance of warming up for a game whether

his 'stuff' will be breaking right or wrong that day," said Carl. "A good night's sleep and all that sort of thing has nothing to do with it. On days I've felt best, I've been at my worst. Don't ask me why. I don't know.

"There is one thing, though, which can be used as a yardstick in judging pitchers. If a man habitually gets 'butterflies in his stomach' on a showdown pitch, he isn't long for the big time. How many times have you seen a pitcher have batters at his mercy for eight innings, then, with the bases full in the ninth, two out and the balls-and-strikes count on the batter 3 and 2—boom!

"It may sound funny, but a winning pitcher also has to be a good psychologist and half bulldog. If he can't out-think a .300 hitter, he's in trouble. If he displays anxiety, he's a gonner. He must be able to keep a batter constantly off-balance mentally, never giving him what he expects. He needs the courage of a poker player who bets everything on one hand."

All of which explains why most experts agree that winning a ball game is 60 per cent dependent upon pitching.

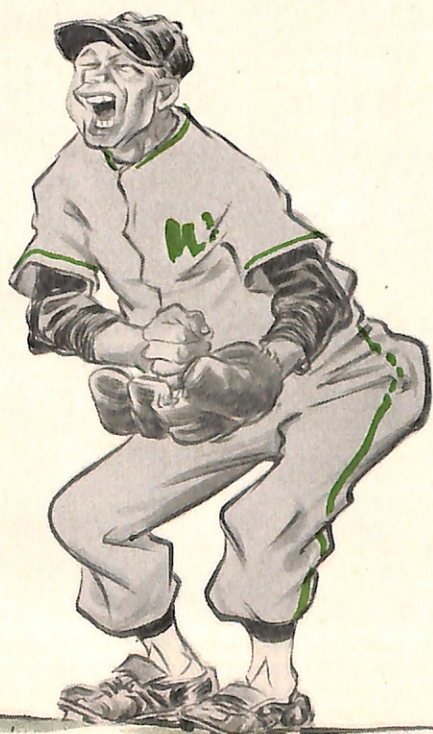
For a batter's viewpoint, let's go to one of the greatest of all time, Mel Ott, whose lifetime record of 511 home runs is surpassed only by Babe Ruth and Jimmy Foxx.

"A batter usually can tell when a pitcher fears him," grinned Ott, who's now a radio broadcaster in Detroit. "The pattern seldom changes. The pitcher works the balls-and-strikes count up to 2-2, let's say. On the next pitch, if he's faint-hearted, he'll probably try a curve that breaks on the outside of the plate, realizing he can waste that ball, and hope the batter will be dumb enough to go for it.

"It's in a situation like this that a smart pitcher who's long on courage will try to out-think the batter. He knows the man at the plate will be expecting a wasted pitch. He'll also realize that if the balls-and-strikes count is allowed to go to 3 and 2 the batter will be dug in and ready to tee off on a subsequent fast ball 'aimed' at the plate.

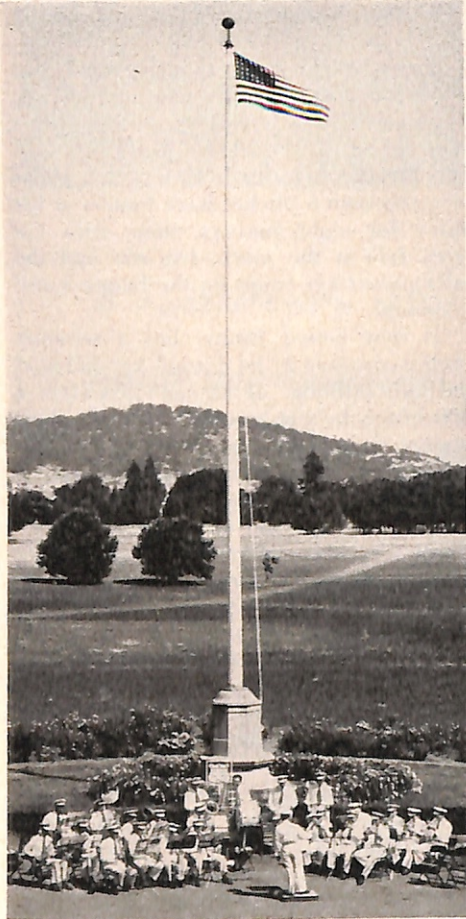
"So what happens on a 2-2 count with a pitcher who has nerve? He shakes his head at the catcher a couple of times, just to make it appear a curve is coming up, then splits the plate with a fast ball. Under such circumstances, there's a good chance the batter, looking for a wasted outside curve, will be left standing with his mouth open. It doesn't always work out that way, of course, but the stupidest thing a pitcher can do is to expect a seasoned batter, with the chips down on a 3-2 pitch, to go for an outside ball in

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As one trainer who has seen a parade of good and poor pitchers pass by says, "The qualities most needed are brains, nerve, speed, control—and a good shortstop."

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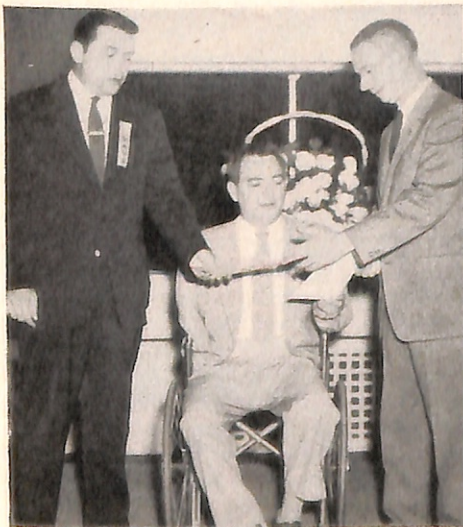
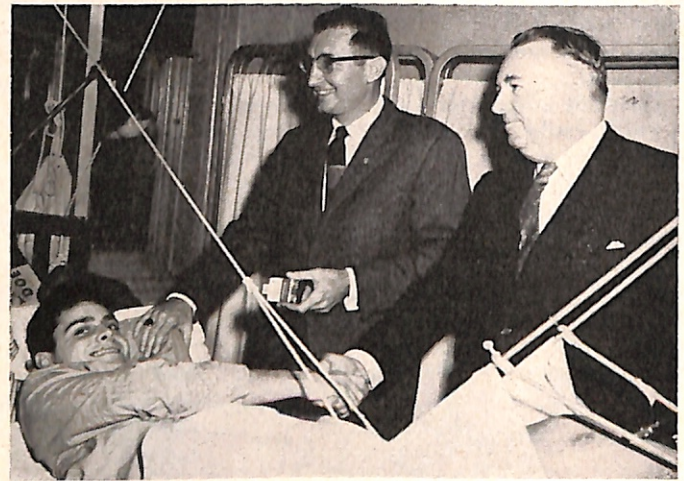


Above: Photographed on the grounds of the Veterans Hospital at Roseburg, Ore., is the Lebanon Elks Band which entertained during a veterans picnic there sponsored by the Elks of Roseburg several months ago.



Left: The South Carolina Elks Assn. presented a portable TV set to the Veterans Hospital in Columbia recently. Participating in the presentation are, left to right, Asst. Chairman Fred Roukus and Chairman Augustus Fitch, Jr., of the Elks' Hospital Committee, Asst. Mgr. H. S. Kennerly of the Hospital, Chief of Special Services W. E. Czarnitzki, Asst. Special Services Officer Buck Smith, D.D. C. E. Barfield and Dr. R. W. Houseal, Chief of Surgery at the Hospital.

Right: D.D. J. T. Lester, right, and E.R. John B. Moon of Columbus, Ga., Lodge pictured with Pfc. Vincent Nunziato of New Hyde Park, N. Y., a patient at Fort Benning's U. S. Army Hospital, during the Elks' visit when they distributed ice cream and cigarettes to the servicemen there.



Above: On Hospital Day at Newton D. Baker VA Center, when volunteer workers at the Center were honored, Asst. Mgr. J. E. Darby, right, presented a certificate for 500 hours of service to Garnett W. Shipley, Chairman of the Martinsburg, W. Va., Elks Veterans Service Committee, center, and a certificate for 100 hours of service to Co-Chairman Thomas Waters, left. Mr. Shipley, who is also the State Elks Committee Chairman, received an additional certificate for attendance at the monthly VAVS meetings.



Guests attending Veterans Night at Compton, Calif., Lodge included Exalted Rulers and Veterans Committee Chairmen of the South Central Dist. Coast Lodges. Principal speaker of the evening was State Chairman Robert N. Traver, fifth from left foreground, shown as he was welcomed by Dist. Chairman Dale C. Shellhaas, who handled the program, second from right, with host E.R. James E. Melvin, wearing his jewel of office, standing between them.

Lodge Visits of FRED L. BOHN



On November 15th, a delegation of New Jersey Elks escorted Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn to the Passaic County Cerebral Palsy Center, and present were, front row from left: Past Exalted Rulers Leo Slater and Anthony Marino of Paterson Lodge; John Wegner, Past Exalted Ruler of Paterson Lodge and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Clinic, (Mr. Bohn), Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Jernick; Dr. Joseph Derose, Physician in charge of the Clinic; Marvin B. Martinique, Exalted Ruler of Passaic Lodge and Albert Levedusky, Past Exalted Ruler of Passaic. Rear row: Past Exalted Ruler John Skelly, Clifton Lodge; State Vice President D. V. Crosta; State President Dr. Louis Hubner; Past Exalted Ruler Clifton Lodge, Kenneth Force; District Deputy Richard J. Tobin; Past Exalted Ruler Leo W. Eirich and Exalted Ruler W. Valentien, of Pompton Lakes Lodge.



When Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn was at Findlay, Ohio, Lodge on January 12th, he presented Brother Del D. Drake, Sr. with an honorary life membership. Brother Drake has been a member for fifty years and has been directly responsible for the affiliation in the Order of over 400 members.



Present at the banquet held at Littleton, N. H., Lodge, which was given in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler by that lodge, and also Berlin Lodge, were, from left: Exalted Ruler Richard Poirier, Berlin; District Deputy Henry Salvail; (Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn); Past District Deputy Patrick Hinchey; Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley and Exalted Ruler Richard P. Whiting of Littleton Lodge.



Dickinson, N. D., Lodge held a banquet, honoring the Grand Exalted Ruler on the occasion of his visit, and among those present were, from left: Exalted Ruler Clint Weber, District Deputy A. T. Livdahl, (Mr. Bohn), Grand Lodge State Association Committeeman Ray Dobson, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, Past District Deputy Ed Tobin, State President Wallace D. McKenzie and Father Felix Andrews, State Chaplain.

Ohio Elks Entertain Grand Exalted Ruler at Findlay

On January 12th more than 600 Elks and their wives welcomed Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn to Findlay, Ohio, for the two-day meeting of the Northwest District of Ohio. Mr. Bohn arrived that afternoon from Upper Sandusky by motorcade escort in accompaniment by State President Herschel Deal and other Grand Lodge and State Officers. Present to greet the Grand Exalted Ruler were Exalted Ruler Robert E. Jones and District Deputy Elmo Richards. A banquet was held that evening, at which Brother Jones presided. At the banquet a gift in appreciation of his untiring efforts in the cause of Elkdom was given by the Northwest District to Mr. Bohn, the presentation being made by Past State President Lou Kuenzli. Other Ohio State Association officers present were Past Presidents Walter Bier, Joe E. Hurst, E. Gene Fournace, John Neate and William J. Schwartz, as well as Vice-President James Plummer, Secretary to the Grand Exalted Ruler, and Martin Fiegert.

Grand Exalted Ruler's Itinerary*

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| Feb. | 23 | Anniversary banquet of New York Lodge No. 1 |
| | 24 | Rhode Island Elks Assoc. Dinner at Providence |
| | 25 | Massachusetts Elks Assoc. banquet at Boston |
| | 28 | Zanesville, Ohio |
| March | 2 | Elks National Bowling Tournament, Columbus, Ohio |
| | 9 | Joplin, Mo. |
| | 18 | Huntsville, Ala. |
| | 19 | Birmingham, Ala. |
| | 20 | Luncheon at Buckhead (Atlanta); night meeting at Rome, Ga. |
| | 21 | Atlanta—night meeting |
| | 22 | Anderson, S.C. |
| | 23 | Brunswick, Ga. |
| | 24 | Afternoon reception at Jacksonville, Fla. |
| | 25 | Luncheon at Harry-Anna Hospital; night meeting Eustis, Fla. |
| | 26 | Luncheon West Palm Beach; night meeting and dedication of new home at Lake Worth. |

*Itinerary subject to change.

News of the Lodges

Alaska Elks Welcomed to Juneau Meeting

The Elks of Juneau Lodge No. 420 were hospitable hosts to 600 Elks and their ladies who met there for the 9th Annual Alaska Territorial Elks Convention Nov. 15th, 16th and 17th. Former Grand Tiler M. E. Monagle, President of the group, opened the session, with Rev. Robert J. Whalen, S. J., giving the invocation. E.R. G. H. Gissberg introduced the Exalted Rulers of the other 11 member lodges who were present, after extending an official welcome, along with Mayor M. L. MacSpadden, and W. E. Hendrickson, Secretary of Alaska, both members of the Order.

The Convention was honored by the presence of four Elk dignitaries from the State of Washington—Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson and his son, P.E.R. Burritt B. Anderson of Tacoma Lodge, Pres. William C. King of the Washington State Elks Assn., and Special Deputy Edwin J. Alexander of Olympia. All of these visitors addressed the delegates, giving counsel and encouragement on their cerebral palsy work, the effort they've adopted as their Major Project, emulating the Washington Association which has made great progress in that field.

This project, which is in its first operational year in Alaska, has advanced more rapidly than anticipated, as the result of the efforts of the Cerebral Palsy Commission headed by E.R. Robert D. Lewis of Anchorage Lodge. During the report of this Commission, the delegates had the opportunity to witness actual

demonstration of the type of treatment given these handicapped youngsters. Their two physical therapists, Elk Dave Morris and Miss Mabel Nihoul, were on hand, with one of the children who have shown remarkable improvement as a result of the assistance afforded them by the Alaska Elks Association.

It was decided that the 1957 Convention would be held at Anchorage, and the following officers were elected to head the organization until that time: Pres., John Gibbons, Kodiak; Vice-Pres., West, Hal Gilfilen, Seward; Vice-Pres., East, William Stump, Ketchikan; Secy.-Treas., Richard W. Smith, Anchorage, and Trustee, E. Robert Haag, Juneau.

Muskegon, Mich., Elks' Hold Football Dinner

Before the largest crowd of guests ever to assemble at a football banquet, the entire history of the gridiron in Greater Muskegon was unfolded as the highlight of the 1956 edition of the annual event held by Muskegon Lodge No. 274.

Sports Editor James F. Henderson narrated the part played by local athletes in this great sport in the presence of coaches and All-State players and the mighty Bennie Oosterbaan, fabulous head coach for the University of Michigan whose exploits both as coach and three-time All-American and Hall-of-Famer furnished the meat of the Sports Editor's review.

E.R. John B. Olsen extended his lodge's welcome to the gridiron stars who were the guests of honor, and Thomas Fallon was a capable Master of Ceremonies for the banquet program directed by Trustees



On Old Timers Night at Macomb, Ill., Lodge, when a class of 15 was initiated in honor of State Pres. George Thornton, E.R. Wendell S. Smith, right, was photographed as he presented a 50-year-membership pin to Charles Hanan, center, and a 25-year pin to Mr. Hanan's son, Edgar, who is pictured at the left.

James Pugh and Donald Werschem and their committee.

Elk Oscar Johnson, coach of the Muskegon Heights High School eleven, together with two of his players, received the coveted Oosterbaan Trophy, symbolic of the Southwest Michigan championship, from the hands of the great sports figure for whom it is named.

Fire Destroys New Home of Cambridge, Md., Lodge

Just last month you read in these pages of the dedication of the new home of Cambridge Lodge No. 1272, at which Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett officiated. On January 10th, just two months after this ceremony, the building was destroyed by fire.

The blaze, which was discovered in the basement near the newly converted furnace, was out of control almost immediately, fanned by a 40-mile-an-hour wind. Although four companies responded to the alarm, the building was leveled within half an hour. Officials estimate their loss at \$65,000; destroyed were many valuable antiques and all the lodge jewels, but the greatest loss was the original Charter



Photographed at the dedication of the new home of Toledo, Ore., Lodge, attended by 1,200 Elks from all over the State were, left to right, Chairman Frank Hise of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee, Special Deputy Clifton B. Mudd, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, host E.R. Carl T. Robertson and D.D. Fred Simpson.



Portland, Ore., Lodge's State Billiard Champions are pictured with the George Harris Trophy presented to them by Chairman Frank Hise of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee at a Corvallis Elk banquet. Left to right: Harry Adams, Capt. Bob Harris, Lee Leclair, Ernest Norgarden, Albert Weller. Sixth member Phil Johnson was not present.

of the 45-year-old lodge, which included the names of three of Maryland's Governors, and 41 years of lodge records.

Fortunately, the building was covered by insurance, and E.R. L. D. T. Quinby and his 430 Brother Elks are planning even now to rebuild. A ball had been scheduled for January 12th, and in spite of the tragedy, it went off as planned—in the lodge's old home, vacated in October, with about 150 guests on hand.

Berkeley, Calif., Elks Fête Football Lovelies

In line with the Elk policy of participation in community affairs, Berkeley Lodge No. 1002 has for many years taken an active part in the Annual Football Festival in cooperation with the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

This year a civic luncheon was held at the lodge home for 300 community leaders and city officials, with the guests of honor the coaching staff of the University of California and 15 lovely football queens from leading universities of the country. The Festival Queen elected for 1956 was Miss Donna Cason, a beautiful University of Oklahoma student, and she and her court were again guests of the Elks at a dinner on the evening of the colorful Parade of Lights, which is one of the many spectacular events of this week-long celebration. At this time, Miss Cason and her attendants were welcomed by E.R. and Mrs. Paul S. Moffatt, and a large number of other Berkeley Elks and their wives.

Louisiana Elks Meet at Natchitoches

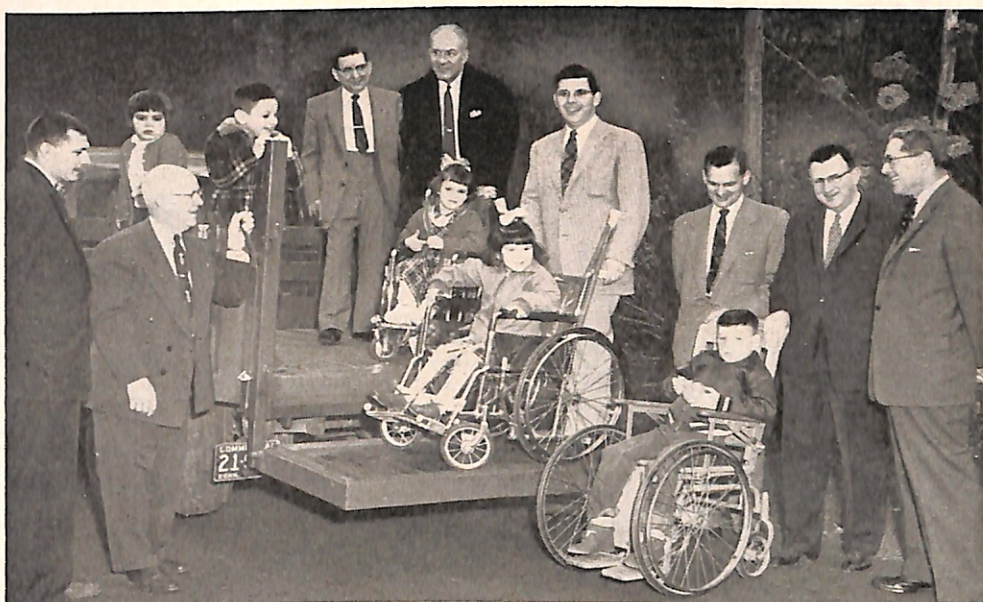
The members of Natchitoches No. 1363 acted as hosts to a well-attended Mid-Season Conference of the Louisiana State Elks' Assn. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Clarence LaCroix, and a warm welcome was extended by Mayor Frank Kees, a member of the lodge.

Nearly all lodges of the State were represented at this session which was attended by the Association officers and during which the various committees for the current year were appointed.

Treas. A. B. Culliton, District Deputy for Northern Louisiana, presented a financial report for the organization, and a fine progress report on its Major Project, the Southern Eye Bank, was read for Willis C. McDonald, the Chairman in charge of this program who was unable to be present.

Highlighting the social aspect of the gathering were a buffet luncheon and dance at the home of the host lodge. Shreveport will be the site of the 1957 Convention of this Association on May 24th, 25th and 26th.

At this Mid-Season Meeting a resolution was adopted protesting the action to amend various Federal laws relating to the taxing of fraternal organizations, particularly in connection with the club and guest facilities of lodge homes.



Presenting checks totaling \$5,000, the Connecticut State Elks Assn. completed payment on the construction of a pavilion and enclosure for the Newington Home and Hospital for Crippled Children. In addition, the Assn. also gave a truck with hydraulic rear lift on which the children may be transported to play and picnic areas. With some of the youngsters are, left to right, foreground, Bridgeport E.R. E. F. Reagan, Hospital Trustee and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities Arthur J. Roy, State Assn. Secy. Thaddeus Pawlowski, State Pres. E. J. Maley and Chairman Ben Schlossbach of the Assn.'s Crippled Children's Committee. On the lift is George Sanford, the Hospital's Recreational Director, and in the center background are Assn. Trustees Chairman John J. Gillespie, left, and Hospital Director B. E. Foss.



E.R. and Mrs. Paul Moffatt welcome Miss Donna Cason, center, Football Festival Queen from the Univ. of Oklahoma and her court of queens from leading universities, to a dinner given by Berkeley, Calif., Lodge for the young ladies during Football Festival Week.



Long Beach, Calif., Lodge is proud of its "888 Rangers", a group of members famous for their community activities. A dozen were pictured here as they donated blood to the Red Cross recently.

ADDRESS OF GRAND EXALTED RULER FRED L. BOHN: Rooms 121-122, Zane Hotel, Zanesville, Ohio
ADDRESS OF GRAND SECRETARY LEE A. DONALDSON: Elks National Memorial Building, 2750 Lake View Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.

Elks Aid Hungarian Refugees

E.R. John Stuart-Menzies, left, purchases specially fitted skates for Hungarian refugee skating champion George Stern, center. Mr. Stuart-Menzies called the gift, which he made on behalf of Great Neck, N.Y., Lodge, a "symbol of America's desire to promote sports, sportsmanship and fair play throughout the world".



Another group of Elks to donate generously to Hungarian Relief is the membership of Charlotte, N. C., Lodge which presented a \$1,000 check from its Charity and Welfare Relief Fund to the local Red Cross for aid and assistance to Hungarian refugees. E.R. A. L. Ducker, right, handed the gift to Chairman C. C. Hope, Jr., of the Mecklenburg Chapter of the Red Cross who stated that the gift was the largest single donation which had been received during the Drive.

ONE of Hungary's most popular athletes, 19-year-old George Stern who holds two of his country's all-time speed-skating records, enjoyed a sample of the true spirit of Elkdom when he spent the 1956 Holiday Season as the guest of Great Neck, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1543.

The young man, a member of the Hungarian Olympics team, escaped from Hungary in November; while applying for immigration to the United States at the Salzburg office of United Hias Service, the American-supported migration agency, he was befriended by a Great Neck journalist, Martin A. Bursten, who was then gathering news material for American media.

When Stern indicated that he'd been told life in American communities was not at all as it was pictured by the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe, Mr. Bursten invited him to visit Great Neck on his arrival here. Shortly after he reached Camp Kilmer, the refugee visited the Bursten family where he was most helpful in identifying scenes of the October revolt in

Budapest which were part of a documentary movie being produced by Mr. Bursten for distribution by United Hias.

It was this film which was previewed at the home of Great Neck Lodge as part of its "Hungarian Relief Night" program Chairmanned by P.E.R. Franklin G. Edwards who heads its Activities Committee. The showing was the result of a promise given E.R. John Stuart-Menzies by the producer before his departure for Europe. Portions of the film have been used by all major TV networks and newsreel theaters.

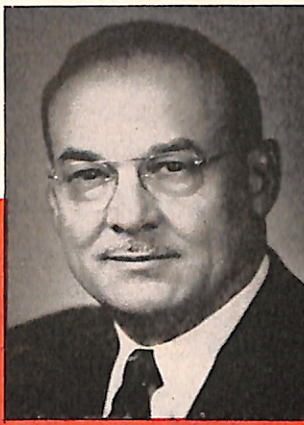
During George Stern's visit to Great Neck, all his doubts as to the American Way of Life were dispelled by the kindness he was shown, and the impressions he received in his Elk-conducted tours of shopping centers, libraries, the Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy and his attendance at Temple Beth El services.

The son of a Budapest physician, George has been settled in Syracuse and hopes to complete his studies there so that he may follow in his father's footsteps.



Photographed at the Alaska Territorial Elks Association Convention in Juneau are Association officials and visiting dignitaries. Left to right, foreground, are Pres. William C. King of the Washington Elks Assn., P.E.R. Burritt B. Anderson of Tacoma, Wash., Lodge and his father, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Alaska Assn. Pres. John Gibbons, former Grand Tiler and Alaska Past President M. E. Monagle and Special Deputy Edwin J. Alexander, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities. In the second row are Alaska Assn. Trustees E. R. Haag and Hollis Hendricks, Past Pres. E. G. Barber, Trustee Quintin DeBoer, Vice-Pres. Hal Gilfilen and Secy.-Treas. Richard W. Smith.

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Report on RUSSIA



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James Gives an Account of His Trip Behind Iron Curtain.

PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER EARL E. JAMES is one of the few private U. S. citizens who have had the opportunity to get a first-hand look at life in the Soviet Union. With 28 other men, he recently made a six-weeks tour of Russia that covered a large section of the European portion of that country. Most of the group were Oklahoma ranchers and farmers, but it included, in addition to Brother James, another lawyer, a newspaperman, a television cameraman-reporter and a physician from Wichita, Kans. The tour was organized by an Oklahoma publishing firm, and was "in exchange" for the tour of our midwest region by a group of Russian "farmers", some of whom were said not to be farmers at all but Soviet officials.

Brother James took some 900 color photographs on his travels that included Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev, Kharkov, and Sochi and Sukhumi on the eastern shore of the Black Sea in Georgia, the late Stalin's home territory. En route, the party visited numerous collective farms and villages in the northern regions and in the Ukraine.

He has presented illustrated lectures on

his Russian visit to many groups throughout the country, giving them the benefit of his observations on life in the Soviet Union. Particularly strong was his impression of friendliness on the part of the common people with whom he came in contact. This friendliness toward Americans was especially evident, he noted, on those rare occasions when the official communist guides were not hovering at his elbow.

In striking contrast to living standards in this country were the primitive conditions generally found even in the large cities. Housing is very limited. In Moscow and other cities, entire families live in a single small room. Private kitchens and baths are extremely rare. Community kitchens and sanitary facilities are the rule in apartment houses. Electricity appeared to be in short supply, because it is shut off in hotels and residences during the daytime.

Brother James reports that the clothing worn by the "man on the street" was uniformly rough, poorly tailored. He noted the absence of color in clothing worn by both men and women. It was generally black or of other somber shades.

Mr. James took this snapshot of Red Square pointing up how few and dated are the cars.

The touring Americans found that much of the war damage in the larger cities has yet to be repaired. Brother James noted that new construction progressed painfully slowly. He saw many buildings in Leningrad and Moscow that obviously had been under construction for years. Construction standards are low. He saw electric wiring being installed after construction had been completed. The wires were tacked to walls without regard to the safety requirements demanded in this country. In the same vein, plumbing fixtures being installed were old-fashioned types.

Remembering America's traffic-choked streets and highways, Brother James was struck by the small number of motor cars using the broad streets of the large cities. What few cars there were, for the most part belonged to the embassy staffs or to high communist party functionaries. Few ordinary citizens have the means to acquire an automobile, let alone maintain it.

A conspicuous characteristic of Russian life is the custom of using women for the heavy work. Moscow's women street cleaners are well-publicized, but he observed women elsewhere engaged in laborious work, while the men did the less taxing labor. It seems to be the rule.

Especially interesting were the collec-
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You're Invited to join the Grand Exalted Ruler's train to **CALIFORNIA**

Going to the Grand Lodge Meeting in San Francisco, July 14-18? Northern Pacific is honoring the Grand Exalted Ruler with a special train leaving Chicago, July 8th, circling the scenic Northwest via the Twin Cities, Seattle, Portland — to California.

As an Elk, you're cordially invited to join NP's convention party, headed by Fred L. Bohn of Zanesville, Ohio, and to enjoy the fellowship, sightseeing and fun on the way.

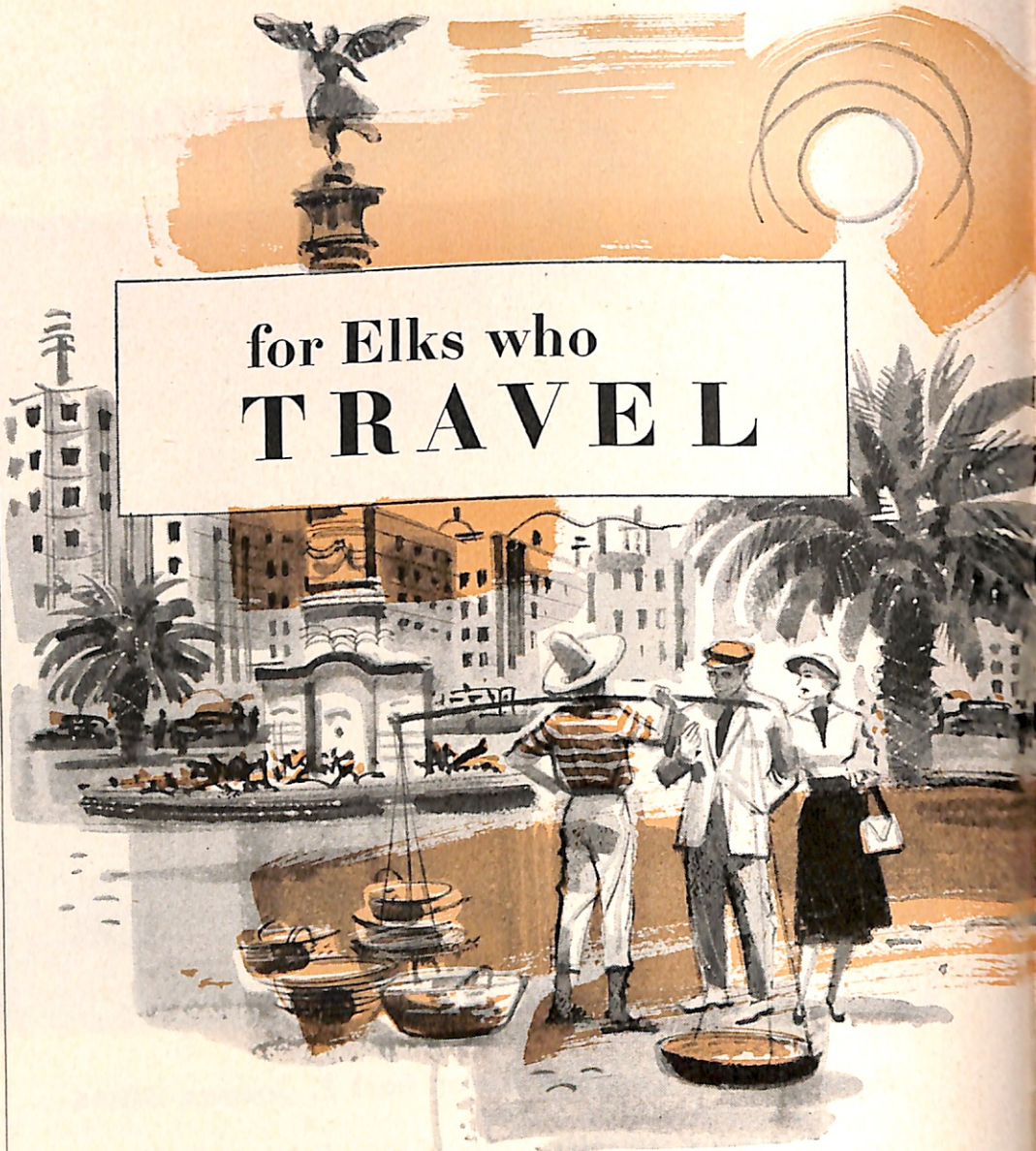
The Grand Exalted Ruler's Special will stop one day in Montana and one day in Washington state for planned entertainment. Arrival in San Francisco will be on the evening of July 13.

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***The latest in tourist accommodations are
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BY HORACE SUTTON

IF THIS KEEPS UP the most modern-looking city on the continent will probably be Mexico City, which is rapidly developing into a lofty plateau spired with monuments of smooth brick, chrome, and glass. Along the Paseo de la Reforma, a broad avenue of both gentility and history, there is the tower that houses our embassy, there is a modernistic bank, a new Woolworth's, a rakish department store and an assortment of shiny new hotels not the least of which is the Continental Hilton which opened to a fancy party of Hollywood and New York types just before Christmas. An air-conditioned 16-story V-shaped temple, the new Hilton extravaganza has 400 rooms, all with bath, radio and telephone and many with private terraces overlooking the *ciudad*. High on top is the Belvedere with its broad picture windows that look off over the heads of the

city to the snow-topped volcanoes of Popocatepetl and, you should pardon the expression, Ixtlaccihuatl.

I shudder to think of what the prices may be—for it wasn't finished when I was there—but the Hilton also houses a French restaurant of "extreme luxury and elegance" finished *à la* Louis XV, with silk damask walls, crystal chandeliers and glassware, and a bronze stove. It has a terrace for the balmy days of summer. Mexico City nights in winter can be chilly.

It is just a short walk down to the Reforma Hotel which, now in the hands of Intercontinental Hotels, has been completely refurbished. Among other innovations it sports a soda fountain bar and a dining room, both virtually in the lobby. Another of the new hotels in the Capital is the Alfer at Revillagigedo No. 18. It, too, makes ample use of its roof on which it sports a

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few small golf holes, swimming pool and the night club known as the Rondinella where you can dine and dance with a view of the city twinkling outside. Not far away, a snug little nest of a hotel, called the Bamer, also has an eagle's nest with an outdoor terrace looking across to Alameda Park.

To match its growing list of modern hotels Mexico City has sprouted a number of new and handsome restaurants, which, added to the cadre of well-known places like the 1-2-3, and the Jena, give the traveler a varied assortment of plush places to go. The decor at the Focolare, the Quid, and the Parador, to mention only a handful, is full of rich leather, spacious surroundings, bird cages, waterfalls and who knows what all. The only trouble is that many of them, while serving Mexican food on demand, seem to specialize in that good but nondescript international kitchen. And in that department, Mexico will have difficulty keeping up with the best of New York, San Francisco, New Orleans and Paris.

As for the Mexican kitchen itself, for anybody with an asbestos stomach it is an exciting experience. Beginning with break-

fast when the Mexicans take their eggs doused in *salsa rancheros*, and running through the *frijoles*, which are mashed beans, the *guacamole*, the *tacos* and *torillas*, the fare is not unlike a string of Chinese firecrackers exploding on the tongue. Much is made out of the lowly cactus. The maguey type yields *agua miel*, or honey water, which when fermented becomes *pulque* and eventually, tequila. Tequila is a colorless intoxicant which, if you follow the local custom, you drink after a succession of tastes of a lime and a lick of salt which should be held on the bridge of one's hand where thumb and forefinger join. Tequila is 100 proof, but whether drinking it or other hard liquor it might be noted beforehand that Mexico City is located at 7,400 feet and a drink at the Capital is worth three by the sea. As for the rest of the cactus, it also is home for a worm known as the *gusano de maguey* which finds a sanctuary in the cactus leaf at the beginning of the rainy season and is later extracted. Now the Mexicans don't consider this a blight. They broil the worms or sometimes fry them and then they spread them in a tortilla, which is a soft pancake,

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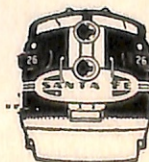
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In the Doghouse

This month Ed ends up by becoming technical.

THIS ARTICLE, of course, will be about dogs, but where it is going to end is, as I write, as much a mystery to me as it is to you. If you stay with me, or bear with me, you may find us wandering all around the world of dogs touching on matters that may seem unrelated but having one thing as a common denominator—dogs.

As you may suppose, this department of your Elks Magazine receives a number of letters from readers throughout the year asking questions about dogs and some who just write to tell something about dogs they own or have owned. All are welcomed and answered. Occasionally when writing these articles I may use a technical term which to some readers who are not experienced with dogs beyond keeping a house pet or two may find puzzling. Frankly, the writer who writes to a non-technical audience and employs the jargon of his trade is guilty of literary bad manners. It's so easy to assume that the reader knows exactly what the writer intends. I know that I've skidded in that direction at times. I know, because sometimes following an article I'll get a few letters asking me what did I mean by such and such word or phrase. To clarify the business of technical terms as applied to Fido, let's make a rundown of those words or descriptions most commonly used.

Frequently, when writing about such dogs as setters, spaniels or similar dogs, the word feather has been used in connection with a dog's legs. This is descriptive of the fringe of hair on the rear part of the legs.

The term dewlap describes the loose skin on the underside of the dog's throat. Throaty indicates an excess of such skin. Sway back is applied to any animal, particularly dogs and horses, wherein the back is concave or depressed between the shoulders and hips. Camel back indicates the opposite of swayback. Roach back is when the back slopes down over the hind quarters of the dog, as is seen in the greyhound and whippet. The withers are the shoulders.

When it is said that the dog is out at shoulder it means that the front of the dog is unusually wide at the shoulder, a characteristic which is pronounced in the bulldog. Out at elbows means just what it says; the elbows of Fido jut outwardly, which is a serious defect, particularly among certain of the terriers. In-should-

dered is the reverse, as it brings the pup's forelegs too close together.

In dog circles you'll hear the word pastern frequently used and it denotes that part of the leg between the foot and the first joint nearest the ground. The pad of a dog is the under part of the foot. Breeders of terriers like to have their dogs with cat feet. No, this is not an attempt to be funny; it simply means a bunched-up foot resembling that of a cat. It's desired for style in a dog. To achieve this some breeders keep their show terriers on cinder runways. Not exactly a humane practice, as the intention is to cause the dog to contract its feet in an effort to minimize the cutting of the sharp cinder particles.

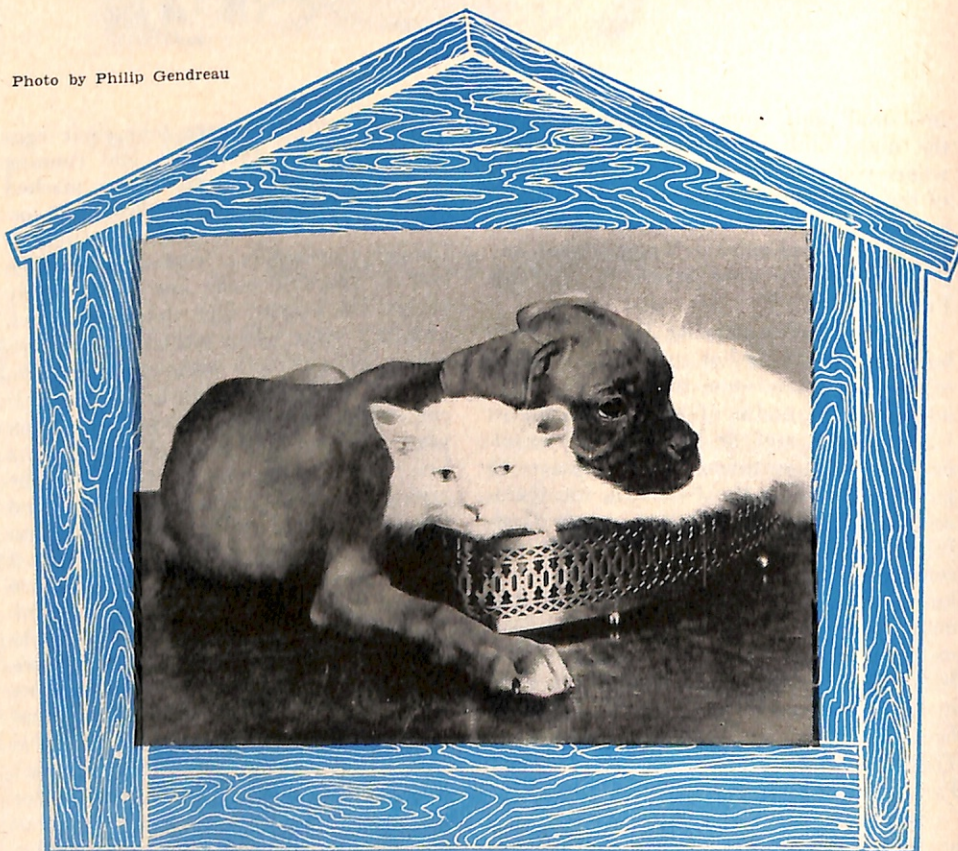
A SPLAY FOOT, of course, is one with widely spread toes and a show ring defect in many breeds. The stifle in doggy anatomy is the thigh joint of the hind leg. The hock, the lower joint. You may have heard or read of a dog having cow hocks and this is a good descriptive term mean-

ing that the hocks turn inwardly like those of a cow. This is another serious defect not only in the show ring but among dogs used for the field, as it has been found that dogs with such hocks tire easily when hunting. You may have a dog with dew claws, but don't let it worry you. Breeders often have such claws removed. It is a small extra claw on the inner side of the leg close to the foot. If permitted to remain it constitutes a hazard, especially for dogs used in the hunting field, as the claw too often is torn out when the dog works its way through heavy underbrush. When torn this is extremely painful and sometimes the injured part is difficult to heal.

As all breeders of the setter know, the flag of such a dog is his tail. Frequently the plume of a pooch such as a Pomeranian or Pekingese refers to the tail. The pile of a dog's coat is only a fancy name for the heavy undercoat that some breeds carry. Most dogs, particularly the wire-haired and long-coated varieties, have dou-

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Photo by Philip Gendreau



Don't count on a Boxer pup always being this cordial to a Persian cat.

NEWS of the LODGES

Keokuk, Ia., Elks' Youth Work Rewarded

Keokuk Lodge No. 106 is the proud recipient of a Grand Lodge Youth Activities certificate. Its program, planned under the able leadership of Est. Loyal Knight Richard W. Rosa, has been very extensive. In the Spring, the Junior-Senior School Prom and entertainment, lasting from nine p.m. until breakfast at five a.m., received widespread commendation, and during the summer months Elk Harry H. Ogden, professional golfer, gave weekly free lessons in that game to students of the Junior College.

An elaborate Holiday party was held for the community's young people, and early in January a party and dance were enjoyed by the pupils of St. Peters and Keokuk Senior High Schools and the Keokuk Junior College. In addition, throughout the year, hundreds of pairs of shoes, boots and overshoes are given needy children at the request of school authorities.

East Liverpool, Ohio, Elks Honor State Pres. Deal

A highlight of the winter season for the Elks of East Liverpool Lodge No. 258 was the program honoring Herschel J. Deal, President of the Ohio Elks Assn.

Among the 50 members of the host lodge on hand were P.D.D. William Robinson, a member for 53 years, and Robert Baxter and Harry Logan, both 54-year affiliates.

A class of candidates was initiated in honor of the State President who delivered an inspiring talk on Elkdom, explaining the Grand Exalted Ruler's program for the year. Following the lodge session, the House Committee served a buffet luncheon.

Pres. Bowie Visits Big Spring, Tex., Elks

Charles C. Bowie, a member of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee and President of the Texas Elks Assn., was welcomed to Big Spring Lodge No. 1386 by a large number of members and their ladies. Mr. Bowie was the principal speaker following an informal buffet dinner, and addresses were also made by Past State Presidents Dr. Harry A. Logsdon and H. S. Rubenstein, State Secy., State Vice-Pres. John Poole and W. J. B. Frazier, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Institution. D.D. W. C. Ragsdale, Chairman of the State Assn.'s Publicity Committee, was also present.

Earlier in the day, E.R. C. C. Ryan, Jr., and Est. Lead. Knight M. T. Kuykendall joined these officials as guests of local Elk Raymond River at the Big Spring Rotary Club luncheon when Mr. Bowie was the guest of honor and special speaker.



Photographed when D.D. Jack G. Cross paid his official visit to Oak Park, Ill., Lodge are E.R. Richard W. Pabich, second row, center, his fellow officers, the class they initiated on that occasion and, first row, left to right, N.E. Dist. Ritualistic Chairman P.E.R. Ray de St. Aubin, Dist. Trustee Robert Campbell, George T. Hickey of the Grand Lodge Credentials Committee, State Pres. George F. Thornton, D.D. Cross, his secretary Casey Breen, P.D.D.'s Frank Wohlleber and R. S. Sheehen and Entertainment Chairman Peter Thomas.



The officers of Lafayette, Ind., Lodge are pictured with the class they initiated in honor of State Assn. Pres. Dr. William A. Hart, standing seventh from left.



Muscatine, Ia., Lodge recently paid tribute to P.E.R. Arthur M. Umlandt, Vice-Chairman and Approving Member of the Board of Grand Trustees, seventh from left, background, with the initiation of a class of 49 members, pictured here with the officers who initiated them.

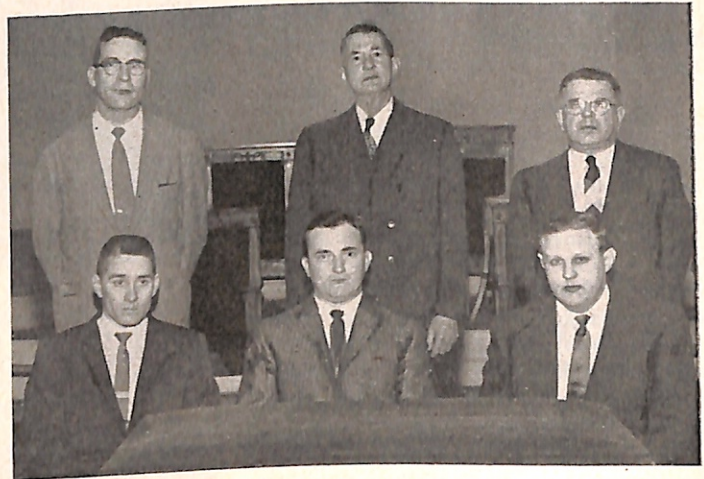


E.R. Clayton E. Moyer, center background, flanked by his fellow officers of Bluffton, Ind., Lodge with the class they initiated in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn. At right foreground is P.D.D. Merritt Diggins, representing D.D. Herb C. Wall, Jr., whose illness prevented his attendance. On Mr. Diggins' right is former Grand Lodge Committeeman Roy J. Jorg.

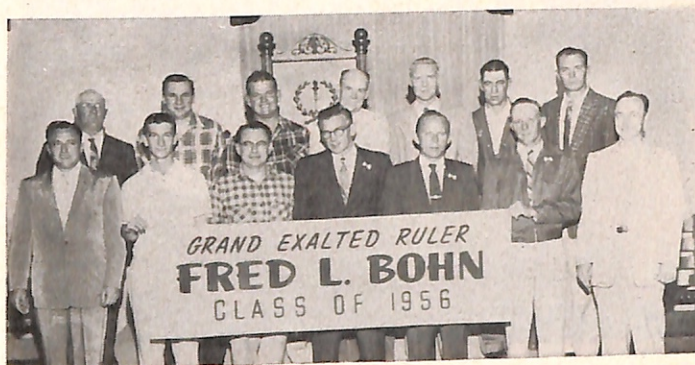


Above: New Jersey's Governor Robert Meyner, left, a Life Member of Philipsburg Lodge, purchases from Bruce Cathcart of Dunellen the first sheet of 1957 Crippled Children's Shields, while P.D.D. Edward J. Hannon, right, Chairman of the State Elks Crippled Children's Committee, looks on. The Campaign, conducted each year by this Committee in conjunction with the State's 81 lodges, enables the Elks to care for and rehabilitate crippled children and sponsor two full four-year scholarships annually in behalf of handicapped children.

Below: In observance of Elks National Home Month, Kokomo, Ind., Lodge invited its P.E.R. J. Ernest Whitley, a guest of the Home for the past three years, to pay a visit to his home lodge and address his fellow members. Pictured on that occasion are, left to right, standing, E.R. Wm. F. Ashburn, Mr. Whitley and Grand Lodge Credentials Committeeman Herb Beitz; foreground: Wm. P. Sills, Joseph Owens and M. E. Smeltzer, candidates initiated that evening as a tribute to the guest of honor.



NEWS of the LODGES



Left: This class was initiated into Coalinga, Calif., Lodge as a tribute to Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn.

Port Jervis, N. Y., Elks Welcome D.D. Schoonmaker

D.D. John F. Schoonmaker received a heart-warming welcome from the members of Port Jervis Lodge No. 645 on his homecoming visit there. Highlighted by the presence of Hon. John F. Scileppi, former Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, the festivities were opened with a banquet for the honored guests and P.E.R.'s of the host lodge.

Other dignitaries on hand for this gala program included Past State Presidents James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee and Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Director of the Elks National Convention Committee, and State Vice-Pres. L. P. VanDerberg.

Among the many well-wishers in attendance were representatives from Newburgh, Kingston, Middletown, Liberty, Ellenville, Catskill and Haverstraw Lodges.

Donora, Pa., Lodge Opens New Home

Ceremonies marking the grand opening of the new home of Donora Lodge No. 1265 were held over a three-day period in November, with Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson as a special guest.

The celebration began with a banquet at which Mr. Donaldson was the principal speaker, introduced by P.E.R. George O. Frazier as Toastmaster. Other guests included D.D. Floyd N. Dunmire, Dist. Pres. W. Franklin Westcoat, Past State Presidents Wm. D. Hancher and Walter Urben, P.D.D. G. E. Koedel and Charter Members W. Scott Carroll and Kimmel Thomas.



Photographed when East Liverpool, Ohio, Lodge welcomed a class of ten in honor of State Pres. Herschel J. Deal are, first row, the candidates and Mr. Deal; second row, E.R. William Wimmer and his officers, and third row P.D.D.'s William Robinson and T. F. Maley.



Minot, N. D., Lodge officers and the 14-man class they initiated in honor of D.D. Arnold Livdahl. This lodge won first place in the State with a net gain of 108 members for 1955-56.

All three events were well attended by both local Elks and visitors from various lodges of the district. Entertainment was furnished by the Home Towners Quartette, with Ronald Morgan as soloist, accompanied by pianist Wallace Hirsch.

Muscatine, Ia., Lodge Pays Tribute to Arthur Umlandt

Giving evidence of their pride in their P.E.R. Arthur Umlandt as Vice-Chairman and Approving Member of the Board of Grand Trustees, the Elks of Muscatine Lodge No. 304 held a special meeting in his honor, attended by 300. On this occasion a class of 49 candidates was initiated as a tribute to the Grand Trustee.

D.D. Dr. William H. Ward, and President Robert Davis and Vice-Pres., S.E., Harry Harder of the Iowa Elks Assn. were on hand for their official visit to this lodge. Joining these officials in honoring Mr. Umlandt were delegations from Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Clinton, Fort Madison, Burlington and Waterloo, Iowa, Lodges, and from Moline, Illinois.

Right: Photographed when State Pres. Charles C. Bowie paid his official visit to Big Spring, Tex., Lodge were, left to right, Dist. Vice-Pres. John Poole, Senior Past State Pres. Dr. Harry A. Logsdon, Mr. Bowie, a member of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, State Assn. Secy. and Past Pres. H. S. Rubenstein and D.D. W. C. Ragsdale.



When Daniel V. Crosta, No. Cent. Dist. Vice-Pres., made his homecoming visit to Newark, N. J., Lodge, he was photographed, second from left foreground, with State Pres. Dr. Louis Hubner on his left, and the officers of Newark Lodge.



Pictured on Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge's second annual "Government Night" when all Elks in Municipal, County, State and Federal service are guests of honor were, left to right, Fire Dept. Chief Harold Dean, Pres. L. Cedric Austin of the Ariz. Elks Assn. and Supt. of the local Parks and Recreation Dept., Justice Dudley W. Windes of the Arizona Supreme Court, U. S. Representative John Rhodes and P.E.R. Alex W. Crane, Chairman of the Committee which handled the program.



Officers of Rochester, Minn., Lodge and local Eagles Lodge officials confer on plans for the very successful 2nd Annual Intra-Fraternal Party held at the Elks lodge home. Two events are held annually, with each group alternating as hosts. Seated, left to right, are Eagles State Publicity Director Joe Neuman, Elk Secy. L. R. Benson, Eagles Secy. L. L. Stoddard; standing: E.R. Dr. James E. Trost, local Eagles Pres. Elde Gillespie and L. N. Haggerty, Minn. Elks Assn. Welfare Visitor.



Photographed at the speakers' table during the banquet celebrating the opening of the new home of Donora, Pa., Lodge are, left to right, D.D. Floyd N. Dunmire, Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, General Chairman W. M. Lytle, Toastmaster and P.E.R. George O. Frazier, Chaplain E. C. Cannon, P.D.D. G. E. Koedel, Est. Lead. Knight F. M. Garcia, Est. Loyal Knight C. F. Willebrand and Est. Lect. Knight Anthony J. Mroczka.



This is the Biddy Basketball Team sponsored by Gary, Ind., Lodge as one of its Youth Activities. At left is Mayor Peter Mandich who tossed the first ball at the opening game and at right is E.R. George H. Smith. These youngsters compete in a 16-team league composed of boys from 9 to 12 years of age. Sam Polly, a member of Gary Lodge, is State Director of the Biddy Basketball Program.

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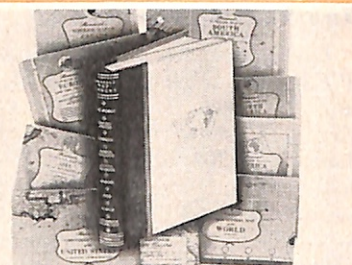
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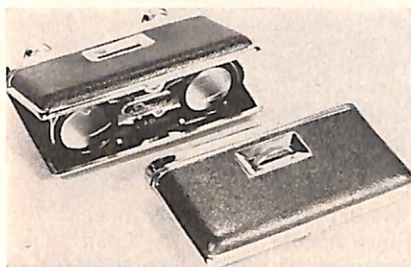
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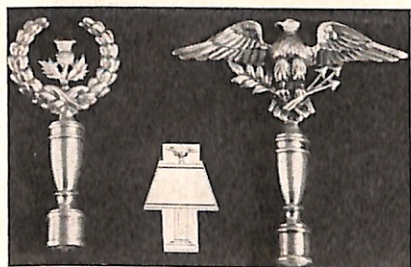
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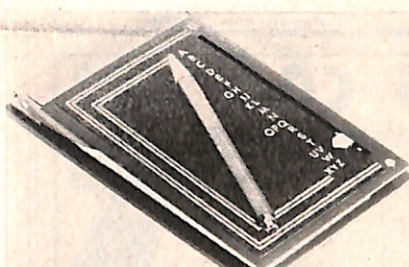
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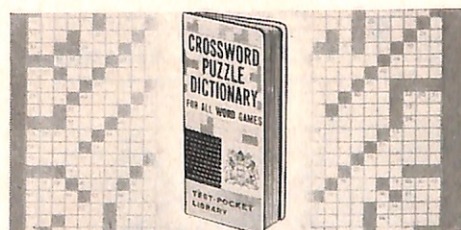
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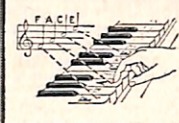


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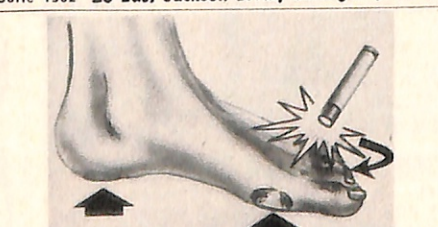
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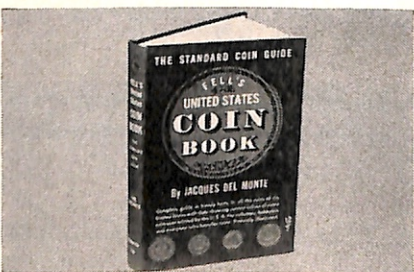
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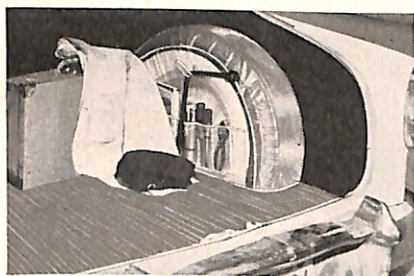
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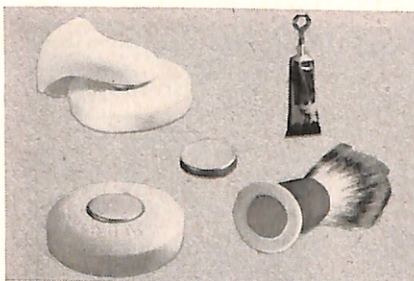
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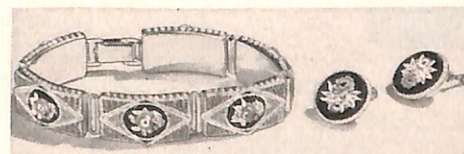
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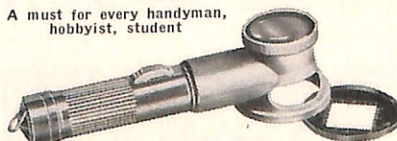
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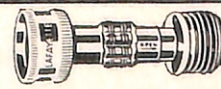
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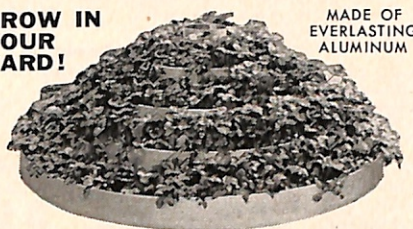
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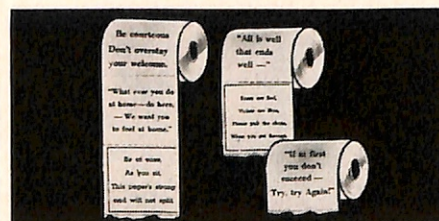
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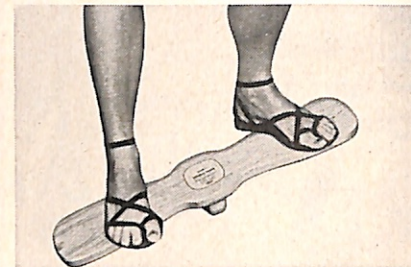
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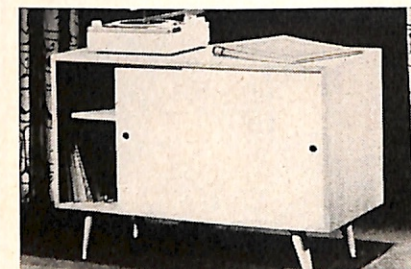
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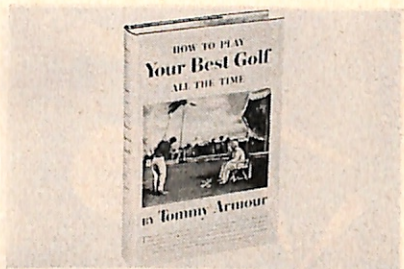


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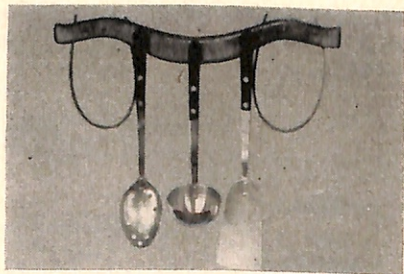
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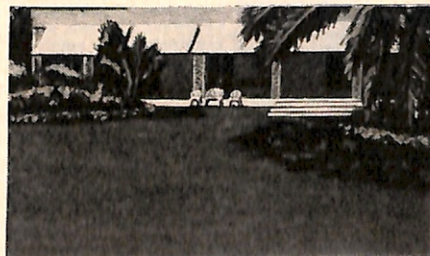
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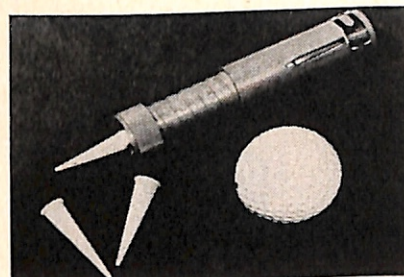
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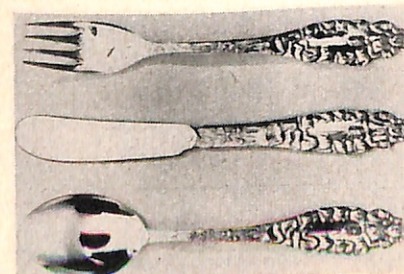
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Soviet Aggression

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use it whenever necessary deprives us of constructive action in our own interest.

There are several sections of the Charter, however, which provide directly for adequate relief from Soviet steamroller tactics. There is, for example, Article 27 of the Charter, which provides for voting methods to be used in the Security Council. Paragraph 3 of that article says: "Decisions of the Security Council . . . shall be made by an affirmative vote of seven members including the concurring votes of the permanent members; provided that . . . a party to a dispute shall abstain from voting."

Here is a paragraph of the Charter that clearly says what it means. If you are a party to a dispute that comes before the Security Council, you cannot vote on it. But the Russian Communists, having sent tanks, heavy guns and a dozen divisions of armed troops shooting their murderous way through Hungary, declare that they are not party to any dispute in that country. They came there, they say, because the Hungarian Premier, Janos Kadar, asked them to. As a matter of fact, they declare, there is no dispute in Hungary, but only another of those bourgeois riots stirred up by the Western imperialists. And the United Nations and its individual members would be well advised, they warn, to refrain from criticizing the Soviet Union and to keep from "interfering in Hungary's internal affairs."

The General Assembly of the United Nations, spurred on by world-wide horror of Soviet ruthlessness and brutality, adopted several resolutions declaring that the U.S.S.R. had violated Hungary's sovereignty and demanding that Soviet troops get out of Hungary. This, *per se*, labelled the Soviet Union an aggressor in Hungary. The nature of the resolutions made clear what the Kremlin had ordered its troops to do: to destroy the Hungarian government of Premier Imre Nagy by force, to kidnap Nagy and ship him out of the country (or, possibly, to kill him), and then to set up the Soviet puppet, Janos Kadar, in his stead, under the muzzles of Soviet guns.

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED?

And so, here we are. The General Assembly says the Soviet Union is an aggressor, and thus a party to the Hungarian dispute. This automatically deprives the Soviet Union of the right to vote in the Security Council on any proposal for disciplinary action with regard to the Soviet's action in Hungary. The Soviet Union, in other words, may not use its veto. But what actually happened? The Soviet Union laughed in the face of the United Nations, vetoed action by the Security Council, kept its troops in Hungary, continued to deport Hungarians to Siberia, and remained a member of the United Nations "in good standing."

What is wrong with the United Nations

that it seems unable to enforce upon its own members compliance with rules which the members themselves agreed to abide by? We are speaking now not of direct action against aggression, but only of enforcing parliamentary obedience in the U. N. to the rules set down in the Charter. For example, prohibiting the Soviet from using the veto in the Security Council on the matter of Hungary.

Actually, nothing prevents adequate action by the members of the United Nations except lack of will to face up to the situation. Are we afraid to say *nyet* to the Soviets? Are we afraid of disturbing Khrushchev's aggressive policies? The fact is that if the non-Communist nations just once would require that the Reds live up to their legal commitments on the U. N. floor, it would restrain Mr. Khrushchev from again threatening "to bury us," and it might just possibly sober up the rest of the maniacs in the Kremlin.

Now suppose one of our good-willed, but weak-kneed, friends tells us: "You can't make the Russian Communists comply with the rules no matter what you vote and no matter what resolutions you adopt." What do you do then?

PROVISIONS ARE THERE

The answer to that doesn't seem to be too difficult to decide. Again, it takes a little more intestinal fortitude than some of the delegates to the United Nations have exhibited so far. For the Charter makes adequate provision for the kind of action that should be taken under these circumstances, and that is: Suspend the Soviet Union until such time as it acts like a civilized nation.

There would be no need to take advantage of legal loopholes in the Charter, as the Communists are constantly on the alert to do, or to fight their veto with our own. Article 18 of the Charter says: "Decisions of the General Assembly on important questions shall be made by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting. These questions shall include: recommendations with respect to the maintenance of international peace and security, the election of the non-permanent members of the Security Council, the election of the members of the Economic and Social Council, the election of members of the Trusteeship Council . . . the suspension of the rights and privileges of membership, the expulsion of members, questions relating to the operation of the trusteeship system, and budgetary questions."

And this means, if it has any meaning at all, that the General Assembly has the right, by a two-thirds vote, to suspend the Soviet Union or to expel that lawless mischief maker from membership in the United Nations.

The Soviet Union is well aware that the United Nations provides ways and means of clipping its unruly talons if only the civilized member nations muster sufficient will power to exercise the rights that are theirs under the Charter. Calculating shrewdly that such a time will eventually

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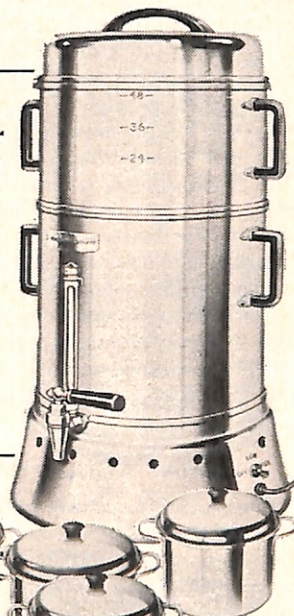
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come, the Soviet is now beginning to make plans to circumvent possible action against it in the future. This has taken the form of trying to make package deals for admission of new members.

Moscow would be very happy to permit the West to invent fictitious countries and to have them apply for membership in the United Nations, if the West, in exchange, would approve of the same action by the Soviet Union. The Soviet was bitterly disappointed when its puppet nonentity, Outer Mongolia, failed to gain admission in the last "package deal"—a deal in which moral, ethical and legal principles were abandoned for the sake of expediency.

Why is the Soviet anxious to make package deals for the entrance of new members to the United Nations? Actions of the General Assembly that are important usually require a two-thirds vote instead of a simple majority. The more members of all kinds that are admitted to the U. N., regardless of whether they are genuinely independent nations, Soviet satellites, or half countries of states which Communist aggression has truncated, the less possible it becomes for the democratic nations to muster a two-thirds vote. And the more chance there is for the Soviet Union to defeat world progress toward universal peace, security and human freedom.

WHAT COULD HAPPEN

If we continue as we are doing now, we should be able to foresee the pattern for the future. Soviet money, Soviet weapons, Soviet agents, and Soviet subversion, could enable Soviet sponsored puppets to take the reins of power in one or more of the weak Arab states of the Middle East. The puppets, who would be unable to hold power for twenty-four hours without Soviet troops and Soviet guns (puppets such as Kadar in Hungary) could then call for Soviet assistance. Soviet armies would flood the area, as they did in Hungary, and murder unarmed citizens. The Soviet Union would then declare that neither the United Nations nor any individual nation had any right to interfere in the internal affairs of the countries whose governments would thus be destroyed, and whose people would be made slaves under Soviet controlled puppets.

Where military resistance is anticipated, the Soviet Union would not officially declare war. That would bring large scale retribution from the United States as well as from our allies. They would, instead, send "volunteers" by the thousands, as the Red Chinese did in Korea only a few years ago, and as the Soviet itself threatened to do in Egypt when the British and French attempted to take control of the Suez Canal. Those legalists in the United Nations who prefer to deal in semantics rather than face the facts of life, and delegates of so-called neutralist members, would then take the position that, because the Soviet armies are labelled "volunteers," the Soviet is really not at war and

Proclamation

To All Subordinate Lodges and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

GREETINGS:

The Grand Exalted Ruler, by and with the approval of the Board of Grand Trustees of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, acting upon authority given him under Section 6, Article 3, Grand Lodge Constitution, does hereby proclaim that the next session of the membership and representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will convene in San Francisco, California, July 14, 1957, with the opening and public meeting to be held in the Civic Auditorium in the Civic Center of San Francisco on Sunday, July 14, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The opening business session will convene in the Civic Auditorium at 9:00 Monday morning, July 15, 1957, at which time the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. Business sessions will continue thereafter each morning at 9:00 on July 16, 17 and 18 until the business to come before the sessions is finished.

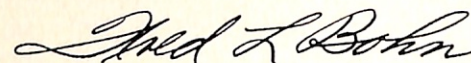
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Room reservations for Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Grand Lodge Officers, Committeemen, and District Deputies will be made by Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Convention Director, 161 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York. He will mail reservation forms and a letter outlining the procedure.

Room reservations for Subordinate Lodge Representatives, Grand Lodge Members, all Elks and their families—with the exception of the Grand Lodge Party as outlined in the preceding paragraph—will be made through the State Associations. The National Convention Committee, following the practice of previous years, will allot rooms to each State Association and those planning to attend the Convention are urged to make the fact known to their State Association Housing Chairman immediately. Neither the National Convention Committee nor the San Francisco hotels will accept reservations direct from Lodges or individual Elks.

Dated: February 15, 1957.

Attest:
Grand Secretary
L. A. Donaldson



FRED L. BOHN
GRAND EXALTED RULER

that therefore no action could be taken against the Soviet Union itself. That is in effect what happened when a million Red Chinese troops fought against the United Nations in Korea.

Continuing with this dire prophecy, it could happen that little countries such as Switzerland and Finland might fall into the hands of the Soviet, no matter how unwilling their people may be, no matter what spirited resistance they may put up. And if the United Nations should in some way override the Soviet veto in the Security Council, and at long last decide to come to the aid of a victim of Soviet aggression—the Soviet homelands will be safe (as Red China was safe) because we will not "legally" be able to pursue our attackers back across their own borders, since Soviet bomber and fighter planes will be "volunteers" and not officially U.S.S.R. military components.

Well, what are we going to do about it? On November 4, 1956, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution

"deploring the use of Soviet military forces to suppress the efforts of the Hungarian people to reassert their rights." It called upon the Government of the U.S.S.R. "to desist forthwith from all armed attack on the people of Hungary and . . . to withdraw all of its forces without delay from Hungarian territory." The resolution then went on to affirm the right of the Hungarian people to a government of their own without Soviet interference.

What happened? Nothing at all. When the General Assembly's resolution was presented to the Security Council for action, the Soviet Union, as one of the five permanent members with veto power, vetoed it.

Again, on December 12th, one month and eight days later, the General Assembly again condemned Soviet intervention in Hungary. By then Soviet troops had murdered thousands upon thousands of unarmed Hungarian citizens, and more than 150,000 Hungarian men, women and children had fled from their own country

into neighboring Austria. The vote in the General Assembly denouncing the Soviet Union was 55 to 8. Only the Soviet and its bloc of satellites were in opposition. Some of the "neutralist" nations, including India whose voting often coincides with that of the U.S.S.R. in the United Nations, abstained. What happened as a result of this 7 to 1 condemnation of the Soviet Union? Again, nothing at all.

The United Nations then adopted a resolution approving and instructing its Secretary General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, to visit Budapest in order to acquire first-hand information on the situation there. The Soviet Union refused to permit the U. N. Secretary General to enter Hungary. The voice was that of the Hungarian Communist's Esau, but the hand was that of the Soviet Union's Jacob. When the Kremlin's puppet Janos Kadar said "No," it was understood that it was Moscow's Khrushchev who dictated the reply. And this in spite of the fact that Article 104 of the U. N. Charter gives the Secretary General the right to enter the territory of any member nation without waiting for approval from anyone. It says: "The Organization (the U. N.) shall enjoy in the territory of each of its Members such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfillment of its purposes." Hungary is a member nation. But the Kremlin wants no outsider to visit Budapest until it has a chance to sweep the evidence of its murders there under the rug.

NEED NOT BE SUBSERVIENT

I can assure you that the civilized world need not continue to be subservient to the Soviet Union, and that we do not have to sit by idly while the Soviet Communists, their satellites, and their apologists in the United Nations tear our world to pieces and produce another world war. The United Nations Charter provides for adequate restraints against aggressors. They can be punished or suspended or expelled. It is high time that we took action in the United Nations against the most consistent and most deadly violator of the United Nations Charter, the Soviet Union. If we do not even make the attempt, we will have no right to complain if, in the international battle royal that the Communists call "co-existence," we literally as well as figuratively allow ourselves to be destroyed.

If only the Soviet Union is going to be free of all rules and regulations to which all the other members of the United Nations must adhere—if the bank robber is not to be amenable to the police force—if the law is to be applied only to the law abiding, or to the little defenseless nations, or to the large ones in which free press and free public opinion keep their own governments in line—if there are to be no sanctions against Communist aggressors—if only the Soviet Union is to use the veto power and there is to be a double standard of morality in the United Nations—if the U. N. is to say "yes" to all Soviet violations, and "no" to transgres-

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sions of all others—if the Soviet Union is to receive all the benefits of its association with civilized countries in the U.N. but accept none of the responsibilities—then the United Nations loses the moral basis upon which it is supposed to rest. The United Nations has a place if it stands on principle. This must not be com-

promised, and it would not be compromised if the delegates of the member nations would at long last give up their wishful dreaming of a voluntary change of character on the part of the Soviet Union, and come to grips with the fact that you cannot tame a cobra by kissing it on both cheeks.

A text I would recommend to the democratic members of the United Nations is that of 2nd Corinthians, Chapter 6, Verse 14. It says: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion has light with darkness?"



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Bermuda continues to be a favorite spot for many of our readers. Outdoor activity is now in full swing at this Mid-Atlantic Colony. Fishing, golf and tennis are being enjoyed by more visitors this year than ever before, and Eastern Air Lines, which serves the Islands, predicts the busiest winter season on record.

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For Elks Who Travel

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and this becomes a taco. Have I lost any one?

Of the excursions in the neighborhood I would certainly suggest a visit to University City, which is a magnificent expanse of brightly colored buildings fashioned in daring architecture and far more advanced, in design at least, than almost anything available above the border. The Basilica of Guadeloupe is only about fifteen minutes away from the center of things. It is the site of an annual pilgrimage by some 5,000,000 Mexican Catholics, whose piety is every bit as fervent as the pilgrims who wend their way yearly to Benares and

land, with tourist maps and a list of recommended restaurants in Britain. Price will be seven shillings—\$1.00.

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As a result of the opening of the Tappan Zee Bridge on the Thruway at Tarrytown in 1955, the Yonkers Ferry has suspended operations between Yonkers and Alpine, New Jersey. After 34 years, the ferry will no longer be a favorite ride across the Hudson.

Mecca. When I was there in December the pilgrims had already begun to come in, walking from all corners of Mexico and some of them making the last few hundred yards up the plaza in front of the Basilica on their knees. In the van of each unit was a floral offering carried by several worshippers, often a huge and ornate piece. The pilgrimages have been going on for 424 years, or from the time the Virgin of Guadeloupe appeared before an Indian named Cuauhtlatotzin and performed a number of miracles.

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For the consideration of members in Eastern, Southern, Mid-west and Northwestern States, The Elks Magazine has arranged with the Northern Pacific Railway for a Grand Exalted Ruler's Special Train to San Francisco, where the Grand Lodge Convention will be held July 14-18.

Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn plans to board the train in Chicago on July 8th at the time of departure between 9:00 pm and 10:45 pm. Experienced escorts will be on hand to handle tickets, baggage, reservations and other personal accommodations to leave full freedom for visiting and broadening Elk friendships as the train moves across the country through the scenic route of the Northern Pacific Railway. The train will arrive in Seattle on July 11th and will depart the evening of July 12th via Northern Pacific and Southern Pacific lines. Saturday, July 13th, will be spent enroute through Oregon and California, with views of Mount Shasta and Mount Lassen. Arrival is scheduled in Oakland that evening. A trip by ferry over Golden Gate to San Francisco will terminate this outstanding trip.

Complete details on the Grand Exalted Ruler's Special, as well as post-Convention trips to Alaska and Hawaii, which are sponsored by Northern Pacific, are available by writing to The Elks Magazine, Travel Department, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N.Y.

affiliate of Pan American, or four hours across the Gulf from Miami. And speaking of the flight to Mexico City, if you plan to be in San Francisco in July for the Grand Lodge Convention and are thinking about extending your vacation to Mexico, don't overlook the Elks Post Convention tour which leaves the Convention City on July 19th for an outstanding trip to our Neighbor to the South. Full details are available from the Travel Department, The Elks Magazine, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Mexico City has one of the most attractive airports either here or in Europe, all done in a suggestion of local architectural style, frescoed with plants and altogether a fitting example for the airport planners to the north. The same airport will lead you in one hour or less to the sportland of Acapulco, comparatively an inexpensive resort and yet one chucked with sun, sand, sea, nightlife and unexpected excitement.

For instance, there is no place else in the world where the nightclub show features, as it does at La Perla in the Hotel El Mirador, the nightly spectacle of divers leaping off a cliff into a narrow gorge—all done by the light of bonfires and torches, not to mention a tremendous amount of nerve. Patrons may dance before and after on a cantilevered platform supported by teakwood beams from an old ship that once foundered off shore.

El Mirador has any number of cottage rooms tucked away in the sides of the mountains and its dining room, above La Perla, also is open to the sea. Across the street from El Mirador is a collection of women's shops which make local designs to order and to size in a day's time—shorts, slacks, sometimes appliqued with embroidery done in the hinterlands, and even sandals. Jaime's downtown has a selection of advanced men's fashions but you have to be prepared to accept novel design and use of color.

La Club de Pesca has a huge air-conditioned hotel and air-conditioned cottages as well. Each is complete unto itself and pleasantly secluded from the adjoining one. It has its own flotilla of fishing craft which take out from the dock at the foot of hotel's lawn in search of sail and marlin in some of the world's best fishing grounds. A new hotel has opened up the strip at Puerto Marques, all done up in Mayan design (the Mayans lived in Guatamal and Yucatan), and perched plunk on an uninhabited beach that is sand, sand, sand as far as the eye can see.

NEW ORLEANS MARDI GRAS

The famous Mardi Gras will open in New Orleans, La., on March 5th.

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ROD & GUN

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

In the remote North there is the ideal trout for fly fishing.



THE WATER was as clear as a baby's conscience. It was so clear that pebbles on the bottom looked close enough to pick up without getting the cuffs of my sleeves wet, yet it took two-thirds the length of a nine-foot fly rod to reach them. On this water, a tiny fly was floating.

I had cast it to a seething mass of bubbles at the head of the pool. Here, caught in the V between two boulders, nearly half the river plunged in. The bubbles that it swept down made the clear water white for four yards as they rose through it and came sizzling to the surface.

The tiny dry fly floated toward me, away from the bubbles. I gathered line apace, fast enough to take up slack but not so fast as to pull the fly across the surface.

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The bamboo came up solid and stopped. There was no quivering, no zig-zag, just solid weight. He was a good fish, probably two pounds. The rod held motionless for only an instant, though. Then the tip went down and the line sizzled out, very fast. Up toward the head of the pool it went and down to invisible depths, close to the bottom, in the full sweep of the current.

The fish hung there, swinging back and forth, feeling the strong current for half a minute. Then he turned and swept downstream past the boulder on which I

was standing. It was impossible to gather line as fast as he came toward me. It dragged behind him in a great loop.

At the very foot of the pool, in the slick where the water gathered speed to plunge down into the rapids below, the line came tight. I saw the fish start up from the depths and dropped the rod tip. He shot out. His jump resembled the sharp upward soaring of a bird more than it did the shaking leap of a bass. It was beautiful, clean, graceful movement; a flash of living color surrounded by sparkling spray.

He began, next, to swing back and forth across the foot of the pool, hanging hard in the heavy current. My fly was small and I knew his mouth was tender. I didn't dare to hold too strongly and yet

I knew that he would be gone forever if he gained another yard or two of line and went down into the white water. I had no choice but to keep the rod bent sharply and pray for the hook to hold until he decided to turn upstream.

Finally, he came. He passed me again, not so deep this time. I could see him, far down in the clear water, swimming deliberately upstream through the heaviest flow. He went into the white, foaming bubbles, beyond the spot where he had risen, and then cut sharply toward the far side of the pool. I was glad to see him go. This was a safe direction, and the sound of the reel giving line was welcome.

He jumped again and again in the slower, shallower water. I dropped the



"These fish were critical enough to please anyone."

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Our young people are growing up in the most turbulent era in the nation's history. In the years ahead they will be facing grave responsibilities and making decisions affecting the destiny of America. Now, as never before, they need our wise counsel, sympathetic understanding and encouragement to prepare themselves for the duties of adult citizenship. Yet today America's youth has been summoned before the bar of public opinion to answer to a blanket charge of 'juvenile delinquency'. This grossly unfair indictment has been levelled by many unthinking people who have failed to distinguish between the vast majority of decent, self-respecting young people and the comparatively few youthful wrongdoers.

We have seen our youth in action, noting with pride their record of achievement in the schools, the churches, in the civic and social life of their communities. Rather than being made to bear the stigma of 'juvenile delinquency', a term applied all too widely and inadvisedly nowadays, they should be receiving deserved recognition for their steadfast adherence to 'juvenile decency'.

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FRED L. BOHN
Grand Exalted Ruler

tip quickly each time and then raised as quickly again to keep the line from sagging into the heavy flow between us.

At last, he began to tire. I reeled as he came toward me slowly. He was able to turn downstream again and make a feeble run when he felt the strong current of the middle pool, but he was struggling near the surface. It was easy to turn him now. I led him across below me and into an eddy on my side. Then I climbed down to the water level and when he came swinging past, dead tired, it was no trick to slip my hand beneath him and lift him up.

I leaned my rod against the boulder and picked the fly from his jaw. He was a grayling, a beautiful Arctic grayling, the sailfish of the North. He was, perhaps, the fiftieth I had caught that day, but I could not resist admiring him briefly before lowering him into the water and keeping him carefully upright until his strength returned and he was able to swim away.

Holding him was like holding a double handful of precious jewels and knowing that they would melt away through my fingers in an instant. When the grayling

came up through the clear water toward my fly, he had appeared blue-green. When he rolled above the surface to take it, he had looked pink. When he jumped, surrounded by a halo of droplets sparkling in the sunlight, my visual impression had been a mixture of pinkish bronze, emerald and silver.

Now, a prisoner in my hands, his colors were already fading. The pink-bronze of his upper sides and back was rapidly growing darker. His flanks were losing their pearly sheen and becoming a lifeless white. Only the bright lines on his spreading pectorals and the vivid, blue-green dots of his bronze-edged dorsal retained their brilliance. I watched it waving flag-like in the clear water as he swam away.

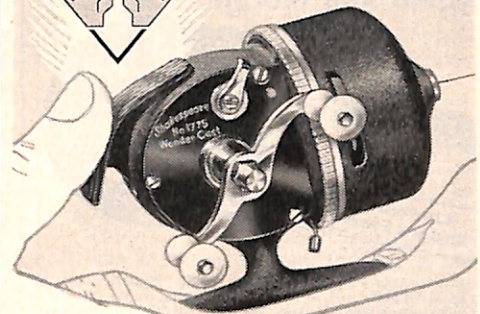
If I had killed him, his back would have turned almost black. His sides would have become dull white. Only his pectoral fins and his beautiful, sail-like dorsal, which was nearly half the length of his body and two-thirds its depth, would have kept their colors.

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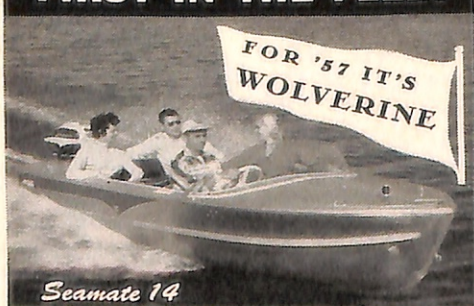
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sizzling runs and frantic leaps. The brown trout is noted for his wariness; the King salmon for his bulldog strength.

When the grayling is discussed, however, the first thing mentioned, almost always, is his beauty. You can't help it because he is so beautiful, but it is too bad. It is allowed to overshadow other qualities that contribute more to setting him apart as a game fish. Beauty alone, without something to back it up, is little recommendation.

On the whole, the grayling is not a terrifically hard fighter. What he does when you hook him depends a great deal on where that is. The grayling in a lake east of Nome were almost sluggish. They never jumped and their runs were deliberate and short. The water was bitterly cold, however, and I think that was the reason. Trout do not fight well when the water temperature is in the forties.

Grayling I caught from streams in northern Saskatchewan, where the water was warmer, were much more active. Most of them jumped repeatedly. Their runs, while probably not so long as those rainbows of equal weight would make, were equally as fast.

Nor is the grayling blessed with selective feeding habits comparable to those which make the brown trout so outstanding. The grayling is primarily an insect feeder, but at times he will hit any bright, glittering object moving in the water. In fact, this usually is the case. I have caught many of them on spinners; big, colorful 1/0 steelhead flies and wobbling spoons more than two inches long, while I was fishing for lake trout and salmon. Generally a grayling will hit any small, dark fly, fished either wet or dry, because most northern insects are small and dark. This is not always the case, however, and then he is more interesting.

ONE day, on one of the clearwater streams that flow into the glacial Tanana River, in Alaska, my brother Burt and I discovered that grayling *can* be as difficult as any trout. This unnamed creek—actually, it was almost a young river—was similar to many meadow streams in the Rockies. It was about 30 feet wide and two to four feet deep, except where it dropped into an occasional hole in a bend, and the water was very clear.

We saw grayling constantly from the time we started fishing and, judging from their movements in the water, they were feeding. Since they seldom broke the surface, we tried a variety of wet flies first. None was any good. Next, we tried dry flies, large and small, light and dark. The fish showed no interest in them whatever.

Finally, Burt offered them a small, dark-gray nymph on which we had sometimes caught difficult trout in the States. It was just what they wanted. We had wonderful fishing as long as our nymphs held out, and that was long enough.

Some folks find fault with the grayling

APRIL FISHING ISSUE

Next month, The Elks Magazine will feature its eighth annual Spring Fishing Issue, with feature articles by both Dan Holland and Ted Trueblood.

because of his lack of wariness. They say you can tie a No. 16 fly to a ten-pound-test leader and catch grayling. That often—but not always—is the case. It is hardly a fair criticism, however, because the grayling lives only in remote, northern streams and lakes. They are but lightly fished and some of them are never fished at all. Under similar circumstances, most trout would be unsuspicious, too.

Last summer I enjoyed some fabulous grayling fishing on the outlet to Careen Lake, in northern Saskatchewan, with Norman Ferrier, a Scotchman of many accomplishments, including the ability to handle a fly rod with the hand of a master. These fish were critical enough to please anybody. Without the right tackle, including a leader at least reasonably light and small flies, strikes were few and far between. The tackle had to be used properly, too. Line drag, sloppy casts and other common angler faults meant no rises. The fishing was extremely interesting.

So, summing it all up, the grayling mostly doesn't fight so hard, he frequently isn't at all selective, and in many waters he isn't a bit suspicious. Yet everybody who has fished for him lists him high among the game fish. Why?

No doubt his beauty and the country in which he is found are both factors, but I think there are others more important. First, perhaps, is his willingness to take a fly.

He is a good fly fish—possibly the best. There are many times when it is very difficult to take salmon, steelhead or trout of any kind on a fly. They're inclined to be moody, particularly the first two. Most of the time if a grayling can see a fly he'll hit it.

Second is the manner in which he does. He may rise deliberately and roll. He may come up from the depths so fast that his momentum carries him into the air with the fly in his mouth. He may even jump into the air first, in a beautiful arc, and take the fly as he comes down.

However he rises, he always does it with an air of finality. He comes to the fly as though nothing in the world could prevent his getting it. There is no stopping short to think it over, once he starts to rise. I cannot imagine a fly fisherman anywhere who would not thrill to this wholeheartedness.

Third, and finally, he has that same indescribable nobility as the ruffed grouse. He is first class, all the way. If he were human there is no doubt at all that he would be "quality folks."

Good Pitchers Take Charge

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preference to drawing a base on balls."

Let's have a look back down the trail and see why failure prematurely overtook certain pitchers who came up to the majors amid the blaring of trumpets and with "phenomenon" written all over them. Remember Rex Barney and Joe Black of the Dodgers; Montia Kennedy and Bill Vosselle of the Giants, to mention only four? This quartet makes ideal "laboratory specimens" because each had a different weakness—flaws which were almost imperceptible at first, but which time magnified until they became discouragingly visible to the naked eye.

OF ALL THE YOUNG PITCHERS who have been trotted out for public inspection in the last decade, Barney perhaps shone the brightest. He had a blazing fast ball, a good curve and, under the right conditions, fair control. It was the "right conditions" under which Rex had fair control that provided the key to his downfall. Let an infielder boot a double-play ball behind him or an umpire make what he considered a bad decision and he was ready for the showers.

It was argued that Barney was mishandled, despite the fact that he was tried in practically every category known to pitching. On that memorable night in 1948, when he pitched a no-hitter against the Giants, the shouting echoed far into the morning. Barney had made it! Had he? Or was it merely a one-night stand; a holiday from his normal temperament? Unfortunately, it was the latter.

Then along came Chuck Dressen, a pretty shrewd manager, to Brooklyn. Chuck was convinced he knew the answer to Barney. He worked with him personally and diligently during spring training and it wasn't until the Dodgers reached Asheville, N. C., en route home, that Barney was called upon to pitch in an exhibition game. Chuck's obvious plan was to make Rex feel he was "something special"—a viewpoint which umpires didn't share. How many men Barney walked in the first inning of that game, nobody remembers. Dressen gave up. That was the last seen of Rex until he bobbed up as a radio announcer in Vero Beach, Fla.

Black stumbled over the same roadblock that would have meant disaster for any bookkeeper, salesman or trapeze performer. Joe simply couldn't acquire the knack of doing the right thing at the right time, despite the fact that he had one of the best catchers in the business in Roy Campanella.

Black came upon the horizon like a sunburst in 1952, winning fifteen games before opponents got his "number." It takes about three times around the circuit for opposing batters to size up a new pitcher, analyze what he's throwing and know what to expect of him under certain conditions. After that it's up to the rookie to out-guess

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opponents—or else. Campanella could call 'em, but he couldn't throw 'em. Joe continued to pitch just as he had in his debut—and threw himself right out of Brooklyn.

Take a college freshman, put him in the President's chair for a trial period, and you're apt to get the same results the Giants experienced with Kennedy. When Montia was brought to the Giants' spring training camp in Miami, Fla., in 1946 to be "shown off" by the owner of the Richmond, Va., club, to whom he belonged, he looked so promising the Giants shelled out \$25,000 without asking any questions after watching him pitch only two and one-third innings of an exhibition game against the Braves.

Seemingly, this youngster whose previous experience consisted of only twenty-one innings with the minor league Richmond club, had everything. His fast ball was like a streak and jumpy; his curves broke sharply.

Then came the dawn. A single incident typifies the "case history" of Kennedy. The Giants then were managed by Ott, who asked Dutch Ruether, a scout and former top-flight pitcher in his day, to "straighten the kid out." Dutch walked over to where Montia was warming up and, stopping him in the middle of his windup, showed him by illustration what he was doing wrong.

His stride was too long. He was letting the ball go before completing his stride. In winding up he was looking at first base instead of his target—the plate. Dutch handed the ball back to Kennedy, who remarked coolly:

"Well, you *could* be right."

What Montia really said, as interpreted by the writer, who was standing by, was: "Listen, Grandpa, I made the big time in less than one year. And now you're trying to show *me* how to pitch?"

Few youngsters in the history of baseball ever received a more heart-breaking trial period than Kennedy before the Giants reluctantly shipped him back to the minors.

VOISELLE, "Case No. 4," represents an old, yet always new predicament. Voted the Rookie of the Year in 1944, when he won twenty-one games, Bill found it difficult to cope with prosperity. Baseball became little more than an interference with "outside" interests. And down went the hefty young righthander from Ninety-Six, N. C.

How about a pitcher who has control-plus, a reasonably good fast ball and curve, a willingness to listen to sound advice and adept in making a study of batters' weaknesses? Is that the winning formula? Larry Jansen, who made his major league debut with the Giants in 1947 with an astonishing 21-5 (won and lost) record, doesn't think so.

In Jansen's opinion, a pitcher's control can be too good, especially if it happens to be on the wrong pitch. Larry's stock-in-trade was a slider. His record became progressively worse after his freshman year,

despite the fact that he really was dedicated to baseball and clean living.

"On some of my worst days, my control was at its best," he said. "Maybe it doesn't make sense, but when a pitcher reaches the point where he can hit the outside two inches of the plate consistently, the batter knows just where to expect the pitch. It's not easy to believe, but it was on days when my control wasn't so good that I pitched some of my best games. On those days I not only fooled myself as to where the ball was going, but the batter, also."

To confuse the issue further, let's roll back a few years and listen to Hubbell the day he pitched a one-hitter against Pittsburgh in 1943. That game figuratively marked the end of the trail for Carl. It was the last fling of a great career. At the conclusion of the game, he told the writer:

"I can't understand it. Physically, I felt lousy out there today, yet every pitch went exactly where I wanted it. My screwball was breaking precisely at the right instant and my control was perfect."

Hubbell's control was perfect, so he pitched a one-hitter. When Jansen's control was flawless he was belted harder than on days when he was wild. There must be an answer. Maybe it's because Jansen's name wasn't Hubbell.

When asked for his conception of a big league pitcher-in-the-making, Ruether, who is regarded as one of the top scouts in the game, didn't hesitate.

"Show me a young pitcher who doesn't let the breaks of the game get him down, who isn't afraid to split the plate with the balls-and-strikes count 2-2, and I'll show you a guy who'll probably go somewhere. Yes, I know what the present generation thinks of references to the 'good ol' days', but when I was in the game a pitcher's head was supposed to be his most potent weapon. When all you have out there on the mound is an arm and uniform, the show's over."

What does John (Sloppy) Thurston, West Coast supervisor of scouting for the Chicago White Sox, look for first in a pitching prospect?

"His fast ball," said John quickly. "He might make good even though he doesn't have a fast ball, but he'll never become really great unless he can throw hard. I don't care how good his curve is, because there comes a time when you've got to throw that ball 'down the pipe'—and it better have a hop on it."

The Dodgers recently were forced to give up on their shining light, Billy Loes. Why couldn't he make it? Campanella's reaction was sought.

"There's a pitcher who should have been winning twenty games a year right along," said Campy. "He had the best curve, the best fast ball and he knows baseball, but he's stubborn and has ideas of his own. Many times, when I was catching him, I couldn't even guess what he was thinking about."

Those who can go back far enough to remember that model master of the

mound, Christy Mathewson, can recall a lot of what it takes to be a durable big league pitcher. Instead of a superiority complex, Matty had what might be called "commercialized cockiness." There was a definite psychological motive behind his seeming air of contempt as he surveyed a batter.

The first thing to accomplish in his routine was to establish the fact that the batter was regarded as "nobody to be afraid of." After that it was a battle of wits—a battle in which Matty usually was one jump ahead of the man at the plate. Mathewson thrived on predicaments. A

situation with the bases loaded and none out was no more terrifying to him than pitching batting practice. Baseball was his life—not just an income.

For a final summation, let's drop in at the Jersey City home of Willie Schaffer. For years Willie was a trainer, then a scout in the Boston area for the Giants. He saw them come and go and, as the parade passed, reached a conclusion. As Willie sees it, the qualities most needed by a big league pitcher today are, in the order of their importance:

Brains, nerve, speed, curves, control—and a good shortstop.

Report on Russia

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tive farms. The Russians take good care of their livestock, but milking is done by hand. The operation of their tractors and other mechanized equipment was inefficient. For example, these farms do not stock spare parts. When repairs are needed, replacement parts are made by hand in the local machine shop, and the machine stands idle for long periods.

While traveling from Moscow to Kiev, Mr. James observed that oxen and buffalo were widely used for transport and to perform farm work, supplementing the tractors and occasional jeep.

But he has high praise for Moscow's subways, which are clean and well-lighted and provide fast, efficient transportation.

Similarly, he was greatly impressed by the schools and institutions of higher learning. Their physical plants and facilities are excellent, and they appeared to be well-organized and efficiently administered. The group visited nursery and grade schools and Moscow University, in addition to several junior colleges, of which there are reported to be some 900 in the country. A feature of Soviet education is the salaries that are paid to the students, with bonuses for the superior ones. The entire educational system lays great stress on technical studies and languages. Students appear well-disciplined and well cared for. All recreation throughout the system is organized and supervised.

Public entertainment facilities are scarce. In Moscow, citizens have the opera and ballet, and two movie houses that were showing old western films. While the party was in the Soviet capital, a small German circus was appearing there.

A highlight of the party's tour was a visit to the Hermitage in Leningrad, former winter palace of the Czars, now a public art gallery with a magnificent collection of Old Masters. Russians patronize it heavily, Mr. James reporting that some 6,000 were there the day he visited it. He asked repeatedly to see some modern Russian art, but never succeeded, despite the assurance of his guides that "they would get to it".

As for television, private citizens apparently have little access to it, judging from the scarcity of aeriads. The receivers that he saw were, for the most part, primitive

types with four- and eight-inch screens. Another reason that no doubt explains the lack of television receivers is that they are priced from \$1,300 to \$3,000, with no credit buying.

While in Moscow, Brother James attended a session of a People's Court to observe Soviet justice in action. The court consisted of a judge assisted by two "jurors" appointed by the state (communist party). Hearings were brief, and decisions were handed down according to the "code of law" drafted by the communists. The "code" is the governing authority, there being no reference to precedent. He characterized the Soviet legal system as a government of men, not law, and consequently susceptible to all the vagaries, uncertainties and injustices inherent in such a system.

Prices for the ordinary commodities of life were extremely high in relation to the dollar. As an example, a decorative bird, made of chenille, cost \$7.50. Unusually interesting was the public market in Moscow. Here, those farmers who manage to produce above their government-fixed norms are permitted to sell the surplus. It is one of the few instances of capitalistic enterprise allowed by the communists. Brother James found Russian bread, butter, borsch and tea to his liking, but food was, on the whole, of poor quality, badly prepared and lacking in variety.

An aviation enthusiast of long standing, he observed that Russian planes, which he used frequently, were fairly modern, although he saw but one jet plane. Most of the planes were two-engine types. On the other hand, Russian trains were antiquated, but efficiently operated on slow schedules.

"One of the strongest impressions that I carried away with me was that a feeling of uncertainty pervades the people, including the officials of the communist party, who are, of course, the rulers of Russia," Brother James said. "Obviously, the people live in fear of the party's discipline, which regulates the minute details of their lives and closely circumscribes their acts and activities. But that has been the routine for nearly 40 years, and so has become more or less matter of fact. I think that the down-grading of Stalin has left

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the ordinary people in a vacuum—not knowing whom or what to believe—and a little slow to transfer their loyalties to their new rulers, who now tell them that their late, great idol was a common murderer after having extolled him over the years as the great and omnipotent savior of Mother Russia and all her children.

"Illustrating this feeling, I believe, was an interesting incident that occurred while we were touring Stalin's country of Georgia, near the Turkish border. In the course of a large banquet at which we were being entertained, an official proposed that the gathering sing the Georgian national an-

them, which our hosts did with great beauty. Then we sang 'Oklahoma!', but not nearly so well.

"At this point, the official asked that everyone sing the Russian national anthem. Not one person opened his mouth save the seven guides attached to our party.

"With religion nearly stamped out, with no place to repose their faith and trust, the people have nothing left to believe in. This could be an important factor in the outcome of the great struggle for power that is being waged by the leaders at the top."

"To Our Absent Brothers"

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Oswego State Teachers Council, delivered the address at the Memorial Services sponsored by the Elks of Fulton, N. Y., which won second-place accolades in Group II. Rev. Dr. Harold McGilvray, Pastor of the First Congregational Church, offered the invocation and benediction, and the ritual was handled capably by E.R. Andrew Michaud and his officers, with Est. Lect. Knight Robert Quade in charge of arrangements. This well-attended ceremony paid tribute to the five Fulton Elks whose deaths occurred during the past year, all but one of whom had held office in the lodge. Included in the brochure describing this Service were black-bordered photographs and biographical notes on several of these men.

Sentiment Praised

In his address, Mr. Lanigan, a P.E.R. of the lodge, emphasized the virtues of the sentiment behind this traditional Elk observance, a proud admission of respect and affection in today's world "of selfish materialism".

Winding up the three top programs for lodges of less than 750 members, were the Services held by Rocky Mount, N. C., Elksdom at which P.E.R. Norman Y. Chambliss, Sr., Secretary of the lodge and Chairman of the Memorial Committee, gave the roll call of deceased members. P.D.D. Louis N. Howard of New Bern delivered the ad-

dress at the ceremony opened by E.R. Henry B. Johnson, paying honor to the memory of the 12 members missing from the lodge roster since the 1955 services. This program, held before an impressive floral cross in the lodge room, included appropriate musical selections.

Other Lodges Honored

In selecting the entries in the Memorial Services competition, the Grand Lodge Committee found a great many deserving of Honorable Mention. An outstandingly successful combined program to receive this honor was that sponsored by the Elks of San Benito, Brownsville and Harlingen, Texas, Lodges.

Others so rewarded include, in Group I, Ashtabula, Ohio, Ballard (Seattle), Wash., Cincinnati, Ohio, Clarksburg, W. Va., Corvallis, Ore., El Paso, Tex., Findlay, Ohio, Hudson, N. Y., Jamestown, N. D., Milwaukee, Wis., Pasadena, Calif., Philadelphia, Pa., Pueblo, Colo., Quincy, Mass., South Bend, Ind., and Willimantic, Conn.

In Group II, they are Barnesville, Ohio, Camden, N. J., Carlsbad, N. M., Charlottesville, Va., Chester, Ill., Cut Bank, Mont., Euclid, Ohio, Fairhope, Ala., Gloucester, Mass., Martinsville, Va., Massillon, Ohio, Mount Vernon, Ohio, Platteville, Wis., Reynoldsville, Pa., Salisbury, N. C., Valdosta, Ga., and Webster, Mass.

Elks National Home Lodge officers at their impressive Memorial Service when P.D.D. Paul S. Johnson of Roanoke, Va. (inset), spoke, left to right: Est. Loyal Knight P. H. Maley, Secy. A. J. Callear, Lect. Knight U. J. Overstreet, Treas. J. B. McQuade, E.R. R. C. Harlow, Chaplain Harry Connell, Esq. H. J. Cobb, Lead. Knight E. F. Gelhaus.



Warrior's Return

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affect our date for tonight . . . It only means I'll have a chance to pick up the tickets earlier . . . Of course, in time for dinner . . . Say, six o'clock? . . . And suppose we meet in the lobby of the Hotel Paradise . . . You know where it is? . . . And we'll drive back in your car . . . Thank you, Thelma . . . You're an angel, too. . . ."

WILLY SHAPIRO drove the old sedan across the George Washington Bridge from New Jersey, having accomplished in an hour and a half a journey that normally took forty minutes.

"This is the kind of a car you have to break in easy the first three hundred thousand miles," Willy said.

The great gray breadth of the Hudson was shrouded in mist as they crossed the bridge. Behind them were the barren cliffs of the Palisades. A tugboat, barely visible, was pressing a heavy barge against the tide. It blared a melancholy bass note out of the haze that attempted to envelop it. The steam came up like memories.

"It's like when we used to be on the road with Doc, fightin' bums all over, ain't it?" Willy said.

"I can't argue about that," Slattery agreed.

It was even the same sedan. Knowing Doc, and his stylish, free-spending ways, there seemed some inconsistency between his having had \$10,254 of which to be robbed, and his retention of this wheezing, oil-eating relic of those barnstorming days that Slattery had far from forgotten. It was five years since Doc had agreed with him that a reasonably creative brain would not be improved by repeated clompings on the head that contained it. Doc, for all his minor, jovial larcenies, had never exploited or abused a fighter in his life.

"Ol' Doc," said Slattery in reflective gratitude, "never tried to fatten his pockets on me. I'll say that much."

"Dolly said you'd prob'ly give us the brush-off," Willy said.

"Dolly?" Then he repeated the alarming word. "Dolly?"

"She works as Doc's secretary now. She says you're prob'ly too big for Henry Ford's britches, or Walter Reuther's, ever since you got a factory of your own for makin' them dolls."

"Stop the car," said Slattery. "Let me out." But the old car kept rolling. They had left the bridge and were trudging along the West Side Drive, parallel to the river.

"Dolly can be a real sweet kid," Willy said. "At times, I mean."

"Not with me she can't. Why did Doc bring her along?"

"I told you she works with us. She just got out of St. Joseph's last June."

"What's that—a jail?"

"A girl's college, Slats, in Michigan.

How come you an' Dolly never got along so good?"

"I don't know."

He had once felt that Dolly Brady, the orphaned and emotionally carnivorous niece of her loving uncle, should have been adopted by wolves or lend-leased to the Russians, for spite. Slattery, looking back, could recall that at age sixteen her only live heroes were her uncle and Jack Dempsey. The dead men her affections plucked from history were Nelson (Battling, that is; not Horatio, the Admiral) and two gentlemen named Kelly and Smith who are alleged to have fought for six hours and fifteen minutes near Melbourne, Australia, in October of 1856. Slattery's retirement from the ring had seemed to Dolly a flight from arms transcending the worst behavior of the Vichy French.

"Besides," said Slattery, "there was always somethin' about that skinny little weissenheimer of a broad that used to upset me."

"Dolly is no broad," Willy said.

"Well, excuse me."

It wasn't an expression one would use at the Hasty Oak Country Club, or, for that matter, at the Metropolitan Opera. In certain company, he supposed, a man was apt to revert.

SLATS, M'BOY," Ambrose "The Hon-est Doctor" Brady kept repeating. "Slatsy, Slatsy, you're a sight for damaged eyes."

Doc had always been a great one for original remarks. His right eye was framed in the thrilling shades of a ripened *fleur-de-lis*. His left brow had been hem-stitched. Seated in a wide chair, wearing a brocaded smoking jacket, Doc, in his middle years, didn't look like a fit opponent for Henny Sherman or Angel O'Hare, those human mastiffs in Arthur Krugman's employ.

"How did it happen?" Doc said. "You wouldn't believe me. I walked into Arthur's place for a couple of peaceful beers. Are you listenin' to me, Slats?"

He had been listening. It wasn't his fault this woman had walked in from another room. He felt a series of unwelcome sensations that he could always recall but never describe. She walked with her hands folded carefully before her, gracefully, easily, yet like an empress reviewing her troops. *Sixteen years plus five more years were twenty-one years*, he was thinking.

"Hello, Slats," Dolly said. "Welcome to Meatball Manor." She sat on the arm of her uncle's chair and began to stroke his currently lumpy head. "You were talking, dear?"

"I was tellin' Slats how I went into Arthur's place for a couple of beers and some of the boys were there. We were tellin' a few harmless lies, like how I just refused a hundred grand offer for The Viking, even though the kid just busts a hand, when Arthur suggests—that is, to me, Harry Ginsburg, Wicky Johnson and



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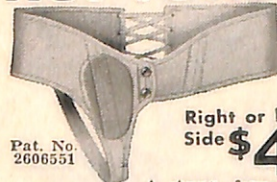
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two other guys—that we play a little cards in the upstairs room."

"Then what?" said Slattery.

"Well, about nineteen hours later—that makes it just about four o'clock yesterday—I've got ten thousand, two hundred and fifty four dollars profit, most of it Arthur's."

"The game was honest?"

"With Harry Ginsburg in the game it's got to be honest," Doc said soberly. "Harry breaks about even and has to get a plane for Chicago. Wicky is out a few hundred dollars, the others about the same. They go home. I remember I count the money three times and decide I would like to make this a hobby. Arthur is a graceful loser, like a rat caught in a slide-trombone. He says to me, 'How much money did you bring into the game, you crumb?' and I ask him, 'What the hell is that your business?' But I can't help saying to Arthur, 'I had twelve dollars and fifteen cents,' which is the truth."

"I see," said Slattery. He tried not to look at the rounded, and, here and there, somewhat compounded "skinny little weissenheimer of a broad" he had earlier described. He kept his attention on Doc. "What happened then?"

"Well, Arthur picks up the phone and says, 'I want Henny an' Angel.' I figure he's not callin' them upstairs to give me a free shave, a shine or a shampoo. I give Arthur a little shove and I am downstairs with the money in a large linen napkin before Henny and Angel even start upstairs. The trouble is that by this time I'm too tired to run and I don't know where to cache the dough. That's when I remember Bobo McBride tends bar in Arthur's joint. Bobo's so honest he brings his own peanuts an' pretzels to work with him. I tell him what happened and he says he will pray for Arthur. Meantime he sticks my dough away down deep under the lemons and limes. He says he will transfer it later to the hollow baseball bat he uses for crushin' ice. I figure this is better than carryin' the cash with me in my condition."

"What about Henny and Angel?"

"Henny and Angel trail me to the washroom of a cafeteria on 47th Street," Doc said. "I am patting my face with wet paper towels when they come in. Angel bolts the outside door while Henny belts me one. They frisk me of exactly twelve dollars an' fifteen cents an' that's when I make the mistake of thinkin' it is funny. This time they really go to work on me. That's the whole story, Slats—except for Bobo McBride."

"Bobo didn't rob you. That much I know."

"Don't interrupt, please. Bobo calls up after midnight, while I'm changin' ice bags. He says he's got the money on his conscience. 'Just give it to me,' I tell him, 'an' you will have it off your conscience.' He says he has had a long talk with his wife and the pastor of their church. They say he should give me the money, but only if I didn't steal it. All

fight managers are crooks, he says, except for Harry Ginsburg. 'Get Harry to tell me you won it fair an' square and I will give it back to you,' says Bobo on the phone. I then say to him, 'Listen to me, you punchdrunk, chuckle-headed slob, Harry Ginsburg's in Chicago.' 'Oh,' he says, 'I forgot that, Doc. I wouldn't want to put you to a long inconvenience an' I wouldn't want to offend the wife. I'll tell you what you do,' he says. 'You go get George Slattery in New Jersey. Slats knows you better than I do. If he says he don't think it was a heist, I'll give the money to him. Just tell him to stop at the bar.' That's what Bobo told me, Slats. All you have to do is go and pick it up."

"It's cute," said Slattery, joylessly.

"What's cute?" Dolly said.

"Your uncle's private life."

"Is yours superior?"

They were standing now. She was quite tall. She had the same *I'm-ready-to-fight-you-and/or-the Marines* look in her eyes that she had always displayed when her emotions were involved. The difference was that she had since grown up to fit this eaglet complex and no longer looked ridiculous. It wasn't assumed. The plain, uncomplicated warmth of Dolly's affection for Doc, or her gentle friendship for Willy Shapiro, would heat an apartment house. *It's only with me she's always acted like a half-plucked porcupine*, he thought.

"I didn't mean anything about being—superior," he said, accenting the word, "but I do have some responsibilities I didn't have five years ago. Forty-six employees, for one thing, and some business contracts and expansion plans coming up. A brawl in Arthur Krugman's saloon would fix me up fine."

"You mean it's asking too much?" Dolly said. She looked painfully away. "Too much on the odd chance it might be undignified?"

"I didn't say I wouldn't do it."

A GOOD DOUBLE PLAY

Shortly after our December, 1955, cover, which showed a harried mailman burdened with letters and packages leaving his post office just as a housewife and her two children arrived carrying even more letters and packages, reached our readers, we received a letter from the "Postmasters Gazette." Editor Arthur V. Smith felt that the cover was equally fitting for his publication and requested use of the engravings for the following year.

Recently the December, 1956, issue of the "Gazette" arrived at the office and The Elks Magazine was gratified not only that the picture could be used again so effectively, but also with the credit that Editor Smith extended. "The Elks Magazine agreed with the editor of the 'Postmasters Gazette' that the cover was just as appropriate for postmasters as for the members of the great American organization—the BPOE", wrote Mr. Smith.

"Oh," she said. "Well, please don't think you have any unpaid debts around here. Don't attempt to be sorry for us."

"Ah, shut up," her uncle said, "the two of you."

Dolly left the room.

"You embarrass her," Doc said.

Slattery staggered. "Me?"

"Who else? She used to think you were the greatest man alive, and maybe it hasn't worn off yet. That's loyalty, boy."

"From the first day I met her to the last time I saw her," Slattery said, "she's hated me."

"A mere defense," Doc stated sagely. "You wouldn't kill the dragons she picked out for you, that's all. You didn't want to be the greatest fighter in the world. And you teased her. You used to call her 'Blimpy' when she was skinny as a stick."

"I wouldn't do it now," said Slattery soberly. "Not now."

"Maybe you were afraid of fallin' in love with her even then?" Doc suggested. "You know—some kind of inhibition? Like it wasn't respectable or decent to fall for a sixteen-year-old kid?"

"I'll hire my own psychiatrist," said Slattery, "and he won't be a lyin', tea leaf reader like you."

BOBO McBRIDE, the bartender, was a gentleman distinguished by one modestly cauliflowered ear, a freshly laundered jacket and the clear, uncompromising gaze of a martyr disdaining a bandage for his eyes. Sincere was the word for Bobo.

"I could have met you some place else, but that seemed sneaky," Bobo said. "A matter of principle. You know how I don't like to tell a lie? Well, Arthur says to me yesterday, 'Did you see Brady, that crumb?' I said, 'Yes, I saw him go out.' 'Did he have a wad of dough with him?' says Arthur. 'Sure,' I said, 'he hands it right to me and I put it down here with the limes and lemons.' So Arthur says, 'How would you like a bat in the puss?' and walks away disgusted. It only goes to show you, Slats, how certain elements in our civilization are not prepared for a moral approach to every day livin'."

"I see what you mean."

"When you go out now," Bobo instructed him, "you just pick up this shoe box from the bar, as though you'd brought it in with you. You really figure that Doc won all this money on the level?"

"That much I'll guarantee," Slattery said. "But only that much. What are you doing now?"

"I'm takin' off the jacket an' the apron," Bobo said. "There must be other jobs in town."

SLATTERY walked east on 47th Street. He felt it wasn't too much to have done for Doc. He was willing to bet that if he explained the whole thing to Thelma and Mr. Travers they would find it amusing. If it was an excessive kind of free enterprise that Doc had practised for fifty years, a banker like Mr. Travers ought

certainly to appreciate Doc's initiative in multiplying \$12.15 to the sum contained in the shoe box. Slattery was thinking of this as he approached a parking lot where cars were wedged into the narrow space between two office buildings. He had just looked at his watch and observed it was 4:45, as good a time as any to pick up the opera tickets. He paused here briefly because a car was about to be backed into the only available space. The November day was closing fast. The street lights had come on. The wind whipped rubbish in the street.

"All right, Slatsy, you go first," someone directed him. Slattery held firmly to the cardboard box. He looked to his left, into the cordial, if somewhat dented, features of Angel O'Hare. He turned to his right and observed Henny Sherman, close and snug and business like. "This thing I got stuck in your back is not one of them space-pistols, Slats. Walk over there, behind the truck."

Slattery walked. He had certain impractical impulses, but suppressed them. He turned now, facing Arthur Krugman's sturdy boys. The gun in Henny's hand had not been made in Hasty Oak, N. J.

"How badly do you want to hold on to that box?" Henny said.

"I'm not too sure. But why would you want the box?"

"You haven't been in Arthur's place in years. You're a pal of Doc's. We knew somethin' was fishy."

They were very large men, Grade-B heavyweights, a decade past their primes. Angel O'Hare had hands the size of baseball gloves. He looked prepared to use them. Slattery found it depressing. He counted his responsibilities and chose again to be practical.

"Well," said Henny Sherman, "how bad do you want the box?"

"I don't want it that badly," Slattery confessed.

He watched them walk off in the gathering darkness. He walked slowly to the street. The parking attendant smiled at him, while patting a pocket with clear satisfaction.

"You want to call a cop or something, Mac?"

Slattery kept walking. Having already done the practical thing, he didn't feel entitled now to punch a smaller man.

I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT OF VIEW, Doc said. "It was only money, wasn't it? And you did what you could do?"

"I'm glad you feel that way," said Slattery.

They were assembled in one room, listening to his lugubrious account. Dolly Brady had said nothing. She was looking down at the folded hands in her lap. Willy Shapiro gave a new light to an old cigar, but you wouldn't call his silence accusing. The young man they called 'The Viking' stood to one side, like a blonde draught horse detached from his wagon, rubbing his nose with a bandaged hand.

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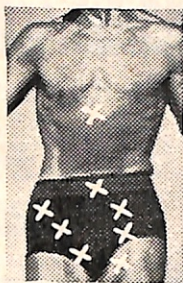
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"It occurred to me after you left here," Doc said, "that maybe Arthur would catch on. I said to Willy, 'Henny or Angel might have a gun, but they'd never use it, really.' I guess you didn't know that, though—huh, Slat? And then I said to Willy, 'If they try any strong arm stuff—why, Slat's'll bat their brains out, because they're just a couple of slob's an' Slat—he could have been a champion.' But then, of course, like I say, I didn't know your responsibilities, or think how it might look in the papers at Hasty Oak, or with your girl friend's old man at the bank—so forget it."

Slaterry stood up. "I'm sorry," he said. "Look, Doc—do you need any dough?"

"Me? I've got a hundred irons in fifty fires. Why would I need dough? 'The Viking's' almost ready to challenge the Champ—soon as his hand gets better."

"Tell me more."

"Well, either the Champ, or maybe his wife," Doc said. "I'm not sure which. Dolly, take Slat downstairs an' make sure no bad men molest him. He's got a date to go to the opera with some very high-class friends."

"Lay off him, won't you?" Dolly shouted in sudden anguish. "Can't you leave him alone? Must you be so cruel?"

She wasn't a girl whom Slaterry found easy to understand. She sobbed once, raising her hands to her face, and the best pair of shoulders in New York began to tremble in clear view. It was the first and only time that he had ever seen Dolly cry.

THEY sat well forward in the orchestra, just off the aisle—Thelma, Slaterry and Mr. Travers. The musicians were assembled in the vast pit. There were more musicians, Slaterry supposed, than he had ever seen in a Fifth Avenue parade.

"These are excellent seats," Mr. Travers said.

"I'm glad you like them, sir."

"Here's your libretto, George," Mr. Travers passed a grey paper folio to Slaterry. "It would be difficult for you to follow things without one. And the flashlight, of course."

"Thank you."

Mr. Travers had demonstrated at dinner how to illuminate one's lap with this shaded flash that cast no glow into your own or your neighbor's face. *There's no reason why I shouldn't relax and enjoy it*, Slaterry told himself. He was susceptible to music on the grand scale. Large concert bands in public parks had often moved his scalp and shrunk his skin and filled him with a hurting happiness. He watched the conductor appear, then bow once, leaning into the applause with pleasing dignity. The lights grew dim and Slaterry felt the tension and high expectancy. He turned to Thelma.

"I'm anxious to hear the overture," he said.

"There is no overture to *Otello*," Mr. Travers corrected him. "Verdi saw no reason for writing one."

AEC REPRINTS ARTICLE

The Elks Magazine was gratified to receive recently from the United States Atomic Energy Commission a copy of the twelve-page reprint which this organization made of the article, "What the Attorney General's List Means," by Francis J. McNamara, that appeared in the November issue. The article was prepared by the AEC for use in connection with security educational activities at Oak Ridge.

"Really, George," Thelma said.

He sat there, seeking a fit reply, then had all minor worries blasted from his head. The few tremendous bars that paint the tempest's fury as the curtain rises on *Otello* were an aesthetic shock for which he had not come prepared. His fingers trembled as, a bit self-consciously, he applied his flashlight to the libretto in his lap. The drama progressed and there was much he found familiar

This Iago, he observed, *this villain of the piece, this 18-carat heel he remembered now from high school, through the courtesy of William Shakespeare* (it was the same play, really, set to music); *it was odd how much his strutting and sneering and his slick, evil ways resembled the every day malevolence of Arthur Krugman. You almost expected to see Henny Sherman and Angel O'Hare come marching out of the wings.*

"George," Thelma said at first intermission, "I was watching you. You looked so absorbed."

"It's a good show," Slaterry said. "I like it."

"Do you like to like it so grimly?"

"Well, you know how I am. I get emotional when the music swells up like a mountain. It's a strange, unexplainable side of me. Sometimes I feel like I might take off."

Thelma stared at him apprehensively.

It occurred to Slaterry in the second act that *Otello*, the noble Moor, looked very much like Archie Moore when he was a lightweight. They had the same chin whiskers and majestic ways. A man of character and passion, poor *Otello* was a perfect chump for *Iago's* slimy schemes. But you did not get an impression that *Otello*, fool that he was, lacked determination in the face of trial. This noble Moor, if he played a shoe box scene, would still be the "Lion of Venice." He would never be a self-preserving sheep.

A feeling of shame crept over Slaterry. *You take this Arthur Krugman*, he was thinking; *Shakespeare, Verdi or the F.B.I. could not describe a crueller, more covetous man.* An aria soared while Slaterry's self-esteem sank low. *Doc*, he decided, *put his faith in me. Doc, like Otello, had a hole in his head. I've got to go to Arthur's place. I've got to go there now.*

"A cigarette, lad?"

"No, thank you," Slaterry said. Mr.

Travers was enjoying a reflective smoke in the gentlemen's lounge. Thelma had gone to a powder room. "Tell me something," Mr. Travers said, "are you really in any distress?"

"Yes, sir," Slattery said. He decided that now was the time. "Would you think it was strange if I left here now and asked you and Thelma to meet me back at the Hotel Paradise? When the opera's over, I mean. Could you explain it to Thelma, sir?"

"I don't mind telling you I would think it was very peculiar," Mr. Travers said. "I'm not refusing, understand, but—well, is there anything in your background we don't know about?"

"I'll see you—eleven-fifteen—at the Paradise," Slattery said.

THE cash clientele were three-deep at the bar when Slattery entered Arthur Krugman's place. He maneuvered his way through the press of people. He saw few familiar faces. It was not a problem, however, to discover the alert, watchful countenance of Angel O'Hare, whose dimensions raised him well above the crowd. Slattery and Angel struggled with mutual eagerness toward one another. Only a waiter, with four steak sandwiches arrayed on one extended arm, was between them. The waiter went his skilled, professional way.

"Slatsy," Angel said, "lemme buy y' a beer for bein' such a gentleman this afternoon. No hard feelin's?"

"No hard feeling's at all," said Slattery.

He hit Angel in the maturing waistline with the kind of short left hook that makes the sawdust groan in heavy punching bags. It was done with such swift economy that a passerby would not think Angel had been slugged at all, but rather that the big man, gagging and fighting for his breath, had unwisely swallowed a knife, a fork and a spoon. Slattery spun Angel around, engaging his arms as though to assist him, then said to the same returning waiter, "This man is sick. Is Arthur Krugman in his office?"

"Upstairs, one flight," the perspiring waiter said.

"Nice and easy, Angel," Slattery instructed. "Take a deep breath—slowly, one, two—inhale—up the stairs. Make one wrong move and I will beat your brains out on the bannisters." He tightened his grip on Angel's arms until the gasping man obliged. They ascended slowly. OFFICE it said on one of the doors. The door was unlatched and Slattery opened it, releasing Angel, whose free hands sought his own stomach. Slattery, with a gesture equal to the Grand Opera determination within him, locked the door with a wrenching turn of the protruding key.

"Hello, Arthur," he said. "Remember me?"

Arthur Krugman was a modestly constructed, dapper villain of middle age. As an old flesh dealer whom the fight game had rewarded for his sins, he had prospered even more extravagantly in the food and whiskey trade. He was not a thief to be taken lightly.

"Iago—I mean, Arthur," Slattery said. "I want the dough. Ten thousand, two hundred and fifty-four clams. Get it up."

"Henny," said Arthur.

Henny Sherman looked nervous but willing. Angel O'Hare, taking one last draught of air, unleashed a right-handed punch that might have decapitated a brass cow, had it landed. Slattery stepped in, planting another left hook in the area he had bombed before. This time Angel sank the total distance to the floor.

"I keep forgetting I have a special talent it would be a shame to waste," said Slattery.

He spoke too soon. The next thing he knew he was seated on the floor. His head buzzed like a dropped clock. He looked up. Henny Sherman smiled in triumph. Slattery attempted to rise, but Henny kicked at his head with the earnestness of a man attempting the *point-after-touch-down*. Slattery caught Henny's foot both in the eye and in the grip of his clutching hands. Lights and sounds erupted in his head, but he held on, twisting Henny's leg until he had unbalanced him. They both got up and Slattery began to fight with few, if any, gentlemanly inhibitions.

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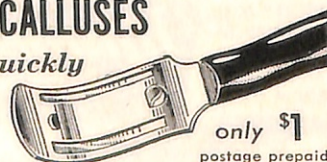
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"Arthur," he said. "Whether that is your gun or Henny's, I want you to put it back in the drawer, or stick it in your ear."

"Why should I?" Arthur Krugman said. "Because half the town knows that I'm here, and why I'm here," said Slattery, abusing the truth a little more than Bobo McBride might have dared. "Now the real question, Arthur, is this—do you want to count out that money? Or do you want me to heave you through the window into 47th Street?"

Slattery advanced with a slow, determined stride. Angel O'Hare remained spread-legged and disillusioned on the floor. Henny Sherman would be no practical help.

"Listen, I can count money better than you can," Arthur Krugman said. "Stay where you are."

SLATTERY, walking east again, wondered if such a sum of money had ever before been wrapped in a menu. It bulged the inside pocket of his suit as he strode fearlessly past the parking lot on 47th Street. He stopped once beside the window of a liquor store to take off his hat and comb his hair. He straightened his tie as best he could, then walked a few doors further east to examine his eye in the mirror of a gum-vending machine. He shook his head a bit sadly now. The eye was really a beaut.

Thelma and her father were not yet due at the Hotel Paradise. The clock in the lobby said 11:00. Slattery was wondering how, with an eye like this, he could bolster his social poise, when he saw Willy "The Blood Bank" Shapiro.

"That must of been some opera," Willy said. "Who hit you the sucker punch?" "A southpaw soprano," Slattery said. "Is Doc upstairs? I've got a little something here I think he could use."

"He's in the bar with Dolly, talkin' to the manager. They want to drum up a job for Bobo McBride." Then Willy's expression began to glow. "Hey, wait a minute, Slats. You've got the bundle?"

"I didn't go over to Krugman's place for a short beer," Slattery said.

WHAT he would remember most from the evening was sitting in the cocktail lounge with Dolly when her noisy uncle had departed. As an old man of twenty-eight, he wondered if it were a proper thing to be sitting here in stunned enchantment with a child of twenty-one. The first time their hands met was by accident, in a bowl containing cheese-bits.

"Excuse me," he said, a little nervously. "It's all right, Slats." And Dolly smiled. "You know, we all grow up a little bit," she said. "I wouldn't want to see you get slugged like this as a regular thing, except that it looks so natural. I'm not sorry you're in the doll business, Slats. I

General Gruenther Writes to Grand Exalted Ruler

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don't really think it's very disgraceful."

He could never remember all of the other, unimportant things they said. Once Dolly touched his ballooned brow with a gentle hand, as though such tender ministrations were a personal, patented thing. No other hand had ever felt the same.

"What is she like, Slats?" Dolly said.

"Who?"

"The girl you took to the opera, of course."

Slattery, a conscientious fellow, groaned aloud. *Thelma*, he thought, and *Thelma's old man*. "Excuse me," he said, then rushed outside. The clock in the lobby said 11:42. Doc, Willy and Bobo McBride were standing together, watching him carefully.

"What's the matter, boy?" Doc said.

"I was supposed to meet some people here at eleven-fifteen."

"You mean the old guy in the Homburg hat? An' the tall, good-lookin' dish? They were here, Slats," Doc explained, "about a half hour ago. I told them you were inside at the bar. They took one look at you an' Dolly, then decided not to wait."

"Oh," said Slattery. "I see." But the blow fell lightly. He certainly hoped he hadn't offended them. He even wondered if Mr. Travers would prove uncordial at the bank. "Did they say anything?"

"The old man said that you can swim back over the Hudson, as far as he's concerned. Look, Slats—about that dough."

"What dough?"

"Let's not be cute," Doc said. "O' friends like you and me? I appreciate everything, boy, except that you didn't give it to me yet, an' I would like to buy champagne."

"You can't afford champagne," said Slattery, "because, whether you know it or not, you scheming bum, you're in the doll manufacturing business now."

And Slattery, a contented man, returned to the cocktail lounge.

In the Doghouse

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ble coats, the long wiry outercoat or the long softer outercoat and the usually dense but softer undercoat. Some few of these will be found with no undercoat and with some of the terriers that have to be stripped or plucked this presents no small problem to the person who is grooming the dog.

THERE are a half dozen varieties of ears among our four-legged friends, beginning with the bat ear, which is an upright ear rounded at the top, as seen in the French bulldog; the rose ear of the bulldog (English variety), an ear that folds partly backwards so some of the inside of the ear can be seen from the front; the prick ear which is held sharply erect; the button ear that folds forward as it should with certain of the terriers, the Welsh, the fox terrier and similar breeds; and the semi-prick



CORRECTION: In the small map above we return Saudi Arabia and Iraq to the proper places from which they were omitted in the map that ran in connection with the article "Near East—What Is Behind The Israeli-Arab Conflict?" in our February issue. For reasons that no one can understand, we had Iraq where Saudi Arabia should be and Iran usurping Iraq's territory.

ear such as carried by the collie, partly erect but folded near the top.

When it comes to the tail, Towser goes to town. (Where did that name Towser originate, I never knew a dog so named, did you? Nor did I ever know one named Fido, although that name has reason for being since it is derived from the Latin *fidus Achates*, faithful Achates; a trusty friend.) There are no less than eight terms descriptive of dog tails.

The most noticeable feature of all dogs is color. One of the rarest colors among animals is blue and this is true of the dog to a marked degree. The only blue dog is the Kerry blue terrier, an Irish dog, and even that fellow isn't a true blue but rather more of a slate or dark lilac. Incidentally, some breeds change color as they grow to maturity. Kerry pups are born black and as they grow black turns to the shades mentioned previously. Airedale pups also come into this world black and later the tan markings appear. This breed, as you very likely know, when past the puppy stage is black and tan, or grizzle and tan. Dalmations, those dogs of which Mark Twain said he couldn't be sure whether they were white with black spots or black with white spots, as puppies are solid white and the spots, either black or sometimes tan, appear as the pups grow older.

Since there are more than one hundred technical terms used among the breeders of dogs, I'll not try to give all of them here but have endeavored to single out those which you may from time to time hear. To others seriously concerned with dogs (breeders, handlers, trainers and judges) many designations among the more than the hundred listed are so technical that they would be meaningless to the average dog owner.

As written earlier, I didn't know where this article was going or where it would end, but had an idea that I probably would "box the compass" in dogdom, covering a multitude of subjects, but now I find I've ended with the same topic I began—the matter of technical terms relating to our *fidus Achates*, our trusty friend—the dog.

A REUNION FOR A TRIO OF ELK PRINTERS

At the 98th Convention of the International Typographical Union in Colorado Springs, these Elks got together to compare notes. Left to right: 83-year-old Parker Worth, Honorary Life Member of Springfield, Mass., Lodge; Holyoke, Mass., Elk Jeremiah Geran, local Union Pres., and Hubert B. Royce of Reno, Nev., Lodge. Mr. Worth and Mr. Royce were in Springfield 40 years ago and had not seen each other again until they met at the Union's Home where both men now reside.



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WORKSHOP

How to Plan and Make Built-in Furniture.

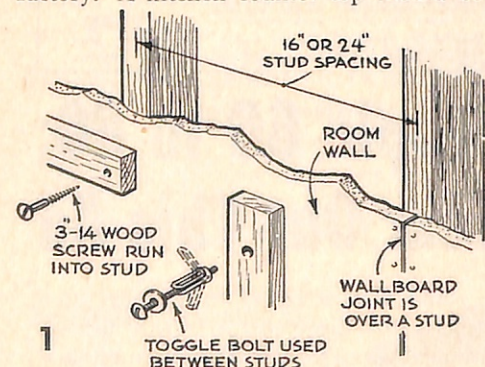
BY HARRY WALTON

FEATURED in many new homes, built-in furniture can also be the custom-made solution to living problems in older houses. When well planned, it can fit the available space and meet special needs better than ready-made pieces.

A built-in will usually take up less room than a separate unit of equal utility. Because the room walls form part of it, it requires less material. Being fastened to the walls, it takes its rigidity from them and can be built quite simply. You should find built-ins easier to make than self-standing pieces.

Sketch Out Your Idea before buying lumber. If in doubt of your ability to draw it, take a photo of the wall or corner it is to go in. Clip tracing paper over the picture and pencil in your built-in. If it goes wrong, or if you want to try other designs, simply replace the tracing paper.

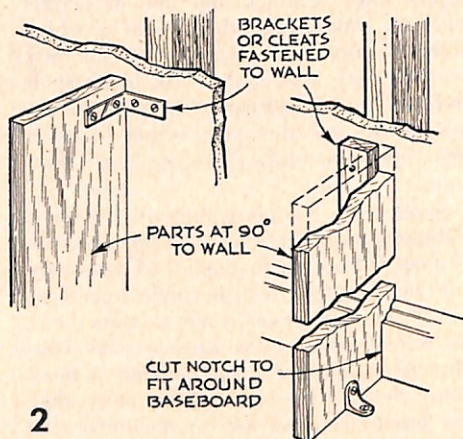
Don't guess about heights. Check them against similar pieces that you find satisfactory. A kitchen counter top should be



about 36" high, whereas a writing desk should be only 30" and a vanity 28". A bookshelf or corner cabinet, on the other hand, may go clear to the ceiling.

When such a piece is built somewhat short of the ceiling, the top will be a dust catcher. This space is therefore best closed off with a frieze or a face board, or if big enough, with small doors, which will form a storage space.

At floor level, a toe space about 3" deep,

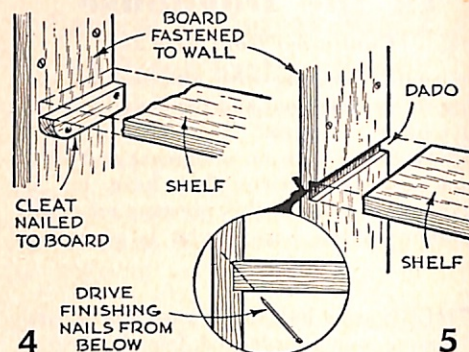
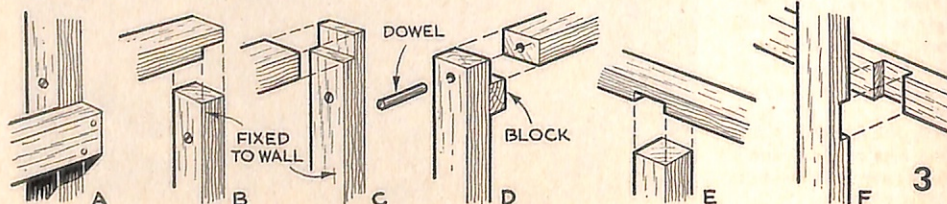


and slightly higher, must be provided under work surfaces, such as kitchen floor cabinets. Without this, the user will find it awkward to stand near such pieces. Sit-down work surfaces like vanities and desks will not be comfortable unless you leave ample knee space under them.

Bookshelves should be at least 7½" deep (the shelves can be 8" boards). For outside volumes, you may want one or more still wider shelves—usually the lower ones.

Save Yourself Effort by making shelves, sides and as many other parts as possible the width of stock lumber. You will have to rip some parts to width anyway, but forethought can minimize this labor. Remember that boards are actually about ⅜" narrower than their nominal width—a 6" board is 5⅝" wide, an 8" board about 7⅝".

Another way to save construction time is to use ¾" plywood. This requires no framing under it, and is so thick that



pieces can be joined directly at corners if you wish, although angle brackets or cleats will make for still stronger construction.

However, it may cost less to build a framework of two-by-two or lighter lumber and enclose this with ¼" or ⅜" thick plywood. Since the framework is hidden, it can be made of a cheap grade of wood. For a period effect, you can use tongue-and-groove wall paneling instead of plywood. This comes in knotty pine, cypress or redwood and takes a beautiful natural finish.

Fastening parts to walls. A horizontal member can usually be screwed directly to two or more studs (the wooden up-rights in a wall). Draw a line on the wall where the piece is to go. Then drive a thin nail (or use a 3/32" drill) at intervals along this line. When the nail or drill bites into wood instead of breaking through the plaster or wallboard, you've found a stud.

Studs are usually spaced either 16" or 24" apart from center to center, as shown in Figure 1. If you can see the joints in wallboard, you'll find studs under them. If not, you'll have to locate them by trial and error as suggested above.

Once the studs are found, you can nail or screw the wall members of your built-in to them (Figure 1). Screws are preferable, as nailing may damage plaster elsewhere on the wall, or even in the next room.

Sometimes the part to be mounted will not lie over any stud. To fasten it directly to a plaster or plasterboard wall, use toggle bolts or screw anchors, both of which lock themselves inside the wall. (See *The Elks Workshop*, December, 1954.) In brick or concrete-block walls, use lead expansion shields with wood or lag screws.

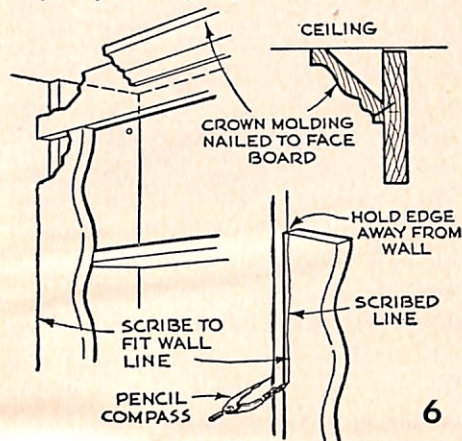
A piece that is to be fastened at right angles to the wall will have to be attached to a cleat or an angle bracket, and this in turn fastened to the wall by one of the means described, as shown in Figure 2. To fit such a piece closely against the wall, you will have to cut a notch in it to accommodate the baseboard, as shown in this drawing.

Parts can be screwed directly or with brackets to the floor or ceiling of a room

if need be. Avoid nailing to the ceiling. If the side members of a built-in are firmly attached to the room walls, it should not be necessary to fasten any part to the ceiling.

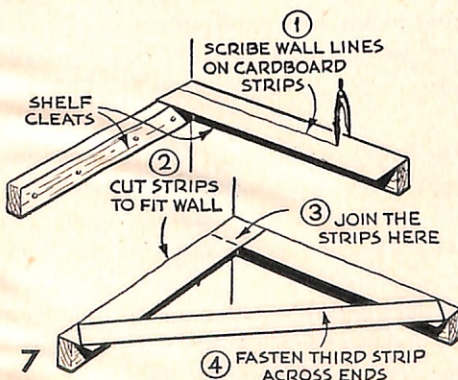
Joining the Framework. Once you have parts firmly fixed to a wall, you can fasten other members to them with a variety of joints. One may be nailed or screwed to an edge of the other as at A in Figure 3. The horizontal piece may be notched as at B and nailed on from the top, or the vertical post may be notched as at C and the horizontal rail laid into it.

An outside post (not screwed to a wall) may be joined by any of these methods or



with a dowel as at D. Clamp or nail a block to the post to support the rail while you drill through both parts at once for one or two dowels. Where a piece runs across another, you can either make a simple butt joint, or notch the crossing member as at E. If both parts cross, a half-lap as at F makes a strong joint and keeps the surfaces of the two pieces flush.

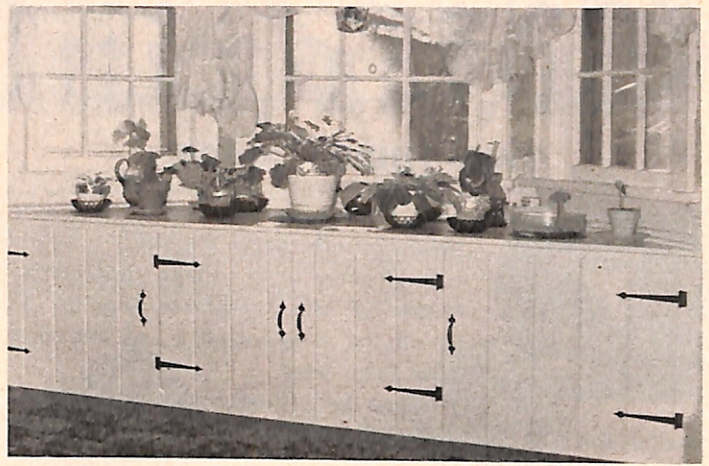
How to Support Shelves. At the wall end, the shelves of a cabinet could be laid on cleats fastened to the walls. But since each cleat requires at least two fastenings, this method entails more work than does mounting a whole board on the wall. With the board in place, it is a simple matter to nail shelf cleats to it as in Figure 4.



These cleats can be cut from one-by-two lumber or even from large molding.

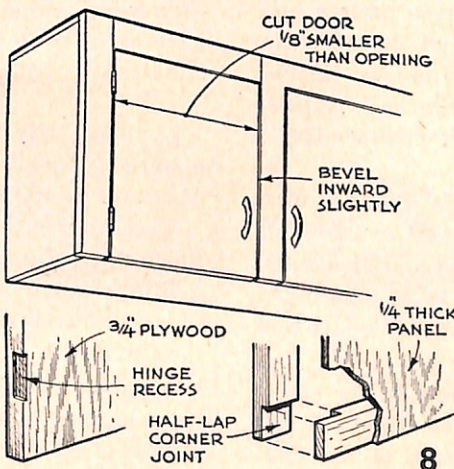
A better way, however, is to cut dadoes (crosswise grooves) in the upright board to receive the shelves. This should of course be done before the board is put in position. If the shelves are toenailed from beneath, as shown in the detail in Figure 5, the nails will be inconspicuous.

Harry Walton made this window alcove in his home more usable with a full-width cabinet for huge storage space, plus a big shelf. Only the top is plywood. Doors were made of tongue-and-groove pine wall paneling.



No Wall Is Straight. A truly flat, straight wall is a rarity. This becomes obvious when you want to fit a face board neatly against it, as in Figure 6. Irregularities in the wall surface leave gaps, and sometimes the slope of a wall will force the part visibly out of line. One way to cover up the trouble is to nail light molding along the gap. At a ceiling line, a cove or crown molding as shown in Figure 6 looks well.

But sometimes a piece must be fitted to the irregular wall line rather than alibied



this way. Hold, clamp or tack the member an inch or so away from the wall, with the opposite edge truly vertical (or horizontal, if it is to go against the ceiling).

Set a pencil compass to the distance between the deepest wall hollow and the edge of the piece. Then, holding the compass at the same angle, run the point along the wall. The pencil will trace the wall contour along the piece. Use a coping saw or a rasp to work down to the scribed line.

A piece that must fit two walls, like a corner shelf, cannot well be scribed directly. Cut two strips of cardboard the length of the two edges of the piece. Thumbtack one at a time in position (on the shelf cleats, for example) and scribe them (Figure 7). Cut them carefully to the scribed lines, place them in position again, and tape or staple them together in the corner as shown.

Now staple a third strip, or tack a piece of wood, across the ends of the two strips. This will make them a rigid triangle,

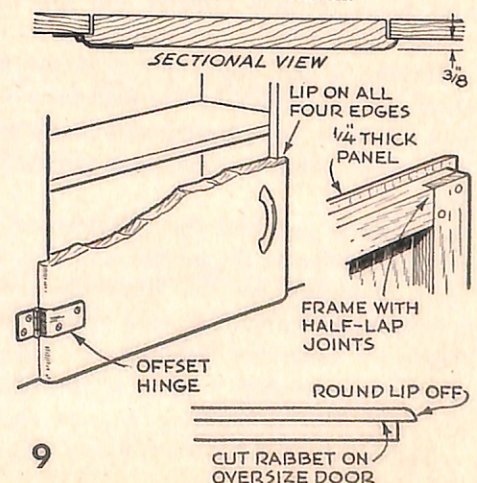
which you can lift up and lay at top of the shelf stock. Run a pencil along the fitted cardboard edges to mark the wall contour on the wood, and cut or dress it to this shape.

Doors For Your Built-in. Flat, flush doors (which fit inside the door opening) have no dust-catching projections. To look well, however, they must be accurately fitted. Make them $\frac{1}{8}$ " smaller in each dimension, beveling the edge opposite the hinge edge slightly inward.

You can cut such doors from $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood, or build a frame of one-by-two stock and cover it with thinner plywood or hard composition board. Figure 8 shows both methods. The hinges should be set into mortises. If the shelves do not keep the door from swinging too far inward, fasten small stop blocks inside.

Lip doors (Figure 9) overlap the door opening on all sides and protrude from the cabinet face by about $\frac{3}{8}$ ". You can make such doors by cutting a step or rabbet along all four edges of a piece $\frac{3}{4}$ " larger each way than the door opening. Another method is to build a frame as in Figure 8, but cut the panel $\frac{3}{4}$ " oversize each way. The result is shown in Figure 9. Round the lip off from the outside, leaving the inner corner sharp.

Lip doors should be mounted with offset hinges, which are very easy to install. The standard offset is $\frac{3}{8}$ ", so make your doors to fit. Hinge styles range from modern chrome-finished ones to simulated wrought-iron strap hinges. Handles and latches are available to match.



Editorial

TWO-THIRDS MARK



As Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn concludes two-thirds of his administration it is pleasing to us to take appreciative notice of the creditable manner in which the responsibilities of his office have been met.

When he assumed that office he appealed for "A Stronger Elkdom for a Better America." Unquestionably, he has contributed materially, personally, to making that pledge or suggestion a reality.

As a firm believer in the principles and purposes of our Order he has urged his fellow members to re-obligate themselves to Elkdom and he has set the example by his own dedication thereto.

As a business man he has a proper appreciation of the administrative responsibilities and possibilities of the office and has recognized a proper balance of values of the results to be accomplished at his headquarters desk and those resulting from visits to subordinate lodges and State Conventions.

He and the members of his staff have given prompt and comprehensive attention to the reports of his District Deputies on the conditions in nearly 1,800 lodges. He has acted promptly to correct conditions where such corrections have seemed necessary and to give commendation where commendation has been due.

As an experienced newspaper editor his monthly message in The Elks Magazine to the 1,200,000 members of the Order has been appropriate, educational and appealing.

As a civic leader in his community he has encouraged increased community service on the part of our lodges and their individual members.

As a loyal American, in his inaugural address, he vigorously condemned communism and he has as vigorously led the Order's fight against this evil threat to freedom throughout the world.

As a devout churchman he appealed to the members of the Order to rededicate themselves to God. He has "allured to higher worlds and led the way".

On his visits his cordial, friendly manner has won for him hosts of new friends and his sincere, forceful addresses have been a real inspiration to those assembled.

Having a full appreciation of the potentialities of the District Deputy system, his field force of 174, he has been leading them and directing them to a full realization of their responsibilities and their possibilities of accomplishment.

We have just had the privilege of reading his recent communication to the members of that field force and have been impressed by the forcefulness with which he has sought to strengthen the work of the district clinics and has impressed upon his Deputies the importance of building up our membership, support of the Elks National Foundation, our Youth Activities and, in short, the building of

"A Stronger Elkdom for a Better America."

A REAL HOME



The Grand Exalted Ruler is to be commended for his proclamation making the month of January an Elks National Home month.

It is surprising what a small percentage of the members of the Order are informed relative to the characteristics and advantages of the Home.

Surely if such information were more generally possessed there would be a waiting list for admission to the Home instead of there being, as there are today, vacancies.

It is to be hoped that the article about the Home appearing in the January issue of The Elks Magazine will result in the material reduction in such vacancies.

The article stated that Superintendent Thomas J. Brady is a former member of the Board of Grand Trustees, implying that it naturally follows that his service on the Board is responsible for his success as manager.

We know that his experience as a Grand Trustee is not nearly as responsible for his success as is his possession of a full measure of the milk of human kindness and his understanding and deep interest in his fellows.

These are the qualities, shared in full measure by Mrs. Brady, that give the Home the characteristics that a real home should have. We are seeing many evidences of the deep appreciation that the members resident in the Home have of its thoughtful and kindly administration.

A GOOD LOSER

So many Elks each day are demonstrating the finer qualities of manhood that a magazine the size of The Elks Magazine would not have the space to recount all of them.

Occasionally, however, there comes to our attention an illustration of practically perfect graciousness displayed by a Brother of which we are impelled to take recognition, though refraining from disclosing the name or position of the Elk involved.

Let it suffice then to say that an Elk, holding a high public position, was defeated in the course of political events in a contest for an even higher public office. It fell to the responsibility of our defeated Brother to preside at the ceremony of installation of his successful opponent.

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